

**MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Encountering Jesus:  
The Good Shepherd**

**Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 8, 2026**

**Liturgists:**

**9am Pastor Olson Popp**

**10am Pastor Kalland**

**11am Pastor Hammersten**

# **The Prelude**

**He Leadeth Me**

**Charles Callahan**

**(please stand when invited)**

## **The Processional Hymn**

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

**324:1, 2, 4**

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**

## **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)**

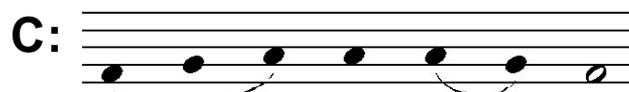
# The Kyrie

**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.**



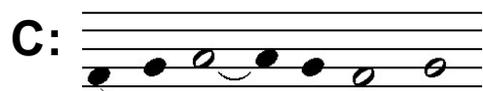
Lord, have mer - cy.

**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**

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

**337:1, 5**

**Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?**

**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 Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

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

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

**Pastor and Congregation: Dear God, Jesus is the good shepherd, the one who lays down his life for the sheep. Help us hear his voice in our daily lives and follow him with confidence.**

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

**(please be seated)**

# **The Gradual Hymn**

**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

**335:1**

**Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream  
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find  
rest beyond the river.**

# **The Scripture Reading**

**The Good Shepherd**

**John 10, selected verses**

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

**“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. For I am the good shepherd. The good**

**shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”**

**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 Cieslik**

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

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**807:1, 3**

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

# **The Offertory Anthem**

**Do Lord!**

**Ruth Artman**

**Hosanna and Chapel Choirs - 9 and 10am**

**The Lord is My Shepherd from Requiem**

**John Rutter**

**Sanctuary Choir - 11am**

**Lauren Seidel, oboe**

**(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**

**My Shepherd, You Supply My Need**

**782:1**

**My Shepherd, you supply my need;  
most holy is your name.**

**In pastures fresh you make me feed,  
beside the living stream.**

**You bring my wand'ring spirit back  
when I forsake your ways,  
and lead me, for your mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Cieslik**

**The Good Shepherd**

**The Baptismal Service (held during the 11am service)**

**The following will be named a child of God and receive  
the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ  
through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

**Finn Lowell Hansen, son of Lilly and Justin**

**Margaret Sylvan Rohman, daughter of Victoria and Eric**

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

## **The Closing Hymn**

**My Shepherd, You Supply My Need**

**782:3**

**The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;**

**oh, may your house be my abode  
and all my work be praise.**

**Here would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;**

**no more a stranger or a guest,  
but like a child at 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**

**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**

**O God Beyond All Praising**

**Brenda Portman**

## **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**

**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 and**

**Director of Sanctuary Choir**

**Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist**

**Rachel Wixson, Director of Chapel Choir**

**Elizabeth Werness, Director of Hosanna Choir**

**Susan Steincross, Children's Choir Accompanist**

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