



# Lenten Vespers

March 12, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

# Love Does No Wrong to a Neighbor

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Jesus summed up all the law and the prophets as “Love God with all you have and are, and love your neighbor as yourself.” This is the heart of the ethics of the other non-Gospel New Testament writers as well, for obvious reasons. Yet in our polarized and angry culture, divisions are the norm: hate speech, discrimination, open bigotry, targeting the vulnerable in multiple ways, this is our world.

We who are Christ, anointed in baptism as Christ ourselves, have no option but to go where Jesus goes, see “neighbor” as Jesus says God does, and love where and whom Jesus loves.

## *This week: All peoples long for God and God is with them*

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Religious history is plagued by hatred between people of different faiths. But the Triune God who made all things holds all things, all people, the whole creation in loving arms of embrace. So Paul sees, amongst all the temples and faiths of Athens, a God who enwraps all. And Jesus and a woman of a different faith find common ground and living water in a noontime encounter at a well. This is God’s way. So it is ours.

*Copies of today’s Wednesday noon sermon are on the table with the service folders tonight, and on the church website at [www.mountolivechurch.org](http://www.mountolivechurch.org) and select “Sermons” from the list at the bottom of the page.*



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Wednesday, March 19, 2025 + 7:00 p.m.

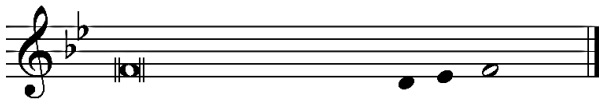
## ✝ Opening

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Service of Light

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

Dialog



- Ⓐ Behold, now is the accept- | able time;
- Ⓑ **now is the day | of salvation.**
- Ⓐ Turn us again, O God of | our salvation,
- Ⓑ **that the light of your face may | shine on us.**
- Ⓐ May your justice shine | like the sun;
- Ⓑ **and may the poor be | lifted up.**

Hymn of Light: “O Gracious Light”

HYMN 231

Thanksgiving for Light

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## ✝ Psalmody

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Psalm 141

*(seated)*

“Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense”

page 312

*Group One – Pulpit side*

*Group Two – Lectern side*

Psalm Prayer

Psalm 145:1-18

*The verses are sung by all using the following tone:*



Psalm Prayer

Hymn

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

HYMN 332

## ✝ Word

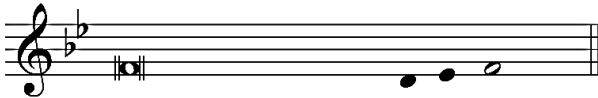
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Readings: Acts 17:16-32; John 4:1-42

(seated)

*A brief silence follows each reading.*

Dialog



☐ Long ago God spoke . . . | by the prophets.

☑ **but now in these last days God has spoken to us | by the Son.**

Gospel Canticle

(standing)

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

HYMN 251

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

(kneeling) page 318

Blessing

(standing) page 319

Hymn

“Christ, Mighty Savior”

HYMN 560

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### Participants

Leader: Pastor Joseph Crippen

Interim Organist: Robert Farlee

Sacristan: Brad Nelson

Usher: Kandi Jo Nelson

Livestream: Greg Murphy