



Midweek Lenten Eucharist

March 26, 2025 + Noon
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Love Does No Wrong to a Neighbor

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: Your neighbor is more important than
your convictions*

This powerful parable of Jesus opens our eyes to the challenges to seeing a neighbor in need and acting on their behalf. If what we believe about the world blinds us to someone in pain, keeps us from helping, Jesus would rather we drop our belief and help. As Paul says, “we do not live to ourselves and we do not die to ourselves.” We belong to God in Christ, and that joins us to all who need God’s loving grace.

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† The Entrance Liturgy

Please stand as the ministers enter.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Gather Us In”

(standing)

HYMN 532

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

TRISAGION

P Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, **C** **have mercy on us.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: **C** **Amen**

† The Liturgy of the Word

READING: Romans 14:7-19

PSALMODY: Psalm 146:2-9

(seated)

The verses are sung by all using the following tone:



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
“Let your steadfast love”

(standing)
HYMN 176

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

(standing)

Response after the announcement: ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.

SERMON

Not to Ourselves

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God of Mercy, God of Light”

(standing)
HYMN 714

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: ☩ **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

(standing)

You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

✠ *The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal*

OFFERING

(seated)

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

HYMN 188

OFFERING PRAYER

Response: ☩ **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, AND SANCTUS

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Eucharistic Prayer

☩ Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim Christ’s death until he comes.

☩ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore . . . water, food, and life.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Pour out your Spirit . . . by the love of Christ.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P All-Gracious One, . . . now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer *spoken by all*

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AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

*Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup.
The bread is gluten-free.*

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

“O Christ, Lamb of God”

HYMN 196

“Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult”

HYMN 696

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(standing)

Response: **C Amen**

✠ *The Liturgy of Sending*

BLESSING

Response: **C Amen**

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Participants

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Pastor Joseph Crippen

Interim Organist: Robert Farlee

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