



Midweek Lenten Eucharist

*April 2, 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: Faith without loving action for others is dead

James has no patience for a faith in Christ that leaves us on the bench, speaking platitudes of God’s love, while others are struggling and suffering. Like the rich man in Jesus’ parable, we are challenged to go beyond the bounds of our comfortable lives and see the need that God sees. And then do something about it.

Midweek Lenten Eucharist

April 2, 2025 ✝ Noon

✝ The Entrance Liturgy

Please stand as the ministers enter.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

(standing)

HYMN 520

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.**

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

✝ The Liturgy of the Word

READING: James 2:1-17

PSALMODY: Psalm 113:2-9

(seated)

The verses are sung by all using the following tone:



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
“Let your steadfast love”

(standing)
HYMN 176

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

(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

A Crowded Table

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Build a Longer Table”

(standing)
ACS HYMN 1062

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

pages 161-162

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*

page 163

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

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

HYMN 719

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: Pastor Joseph Crippen

Preacher: Vicar Natalie Wussler

Interim Organist: Robert Farlee

Sacristan: Tom Olsen

Assisting Minister: Judy Hinck

Ushers: John Bjork, Jerry Duncan

Altar Guild: Bonnie McLellan

Livestream / Audio Mix: Donn McLellan / Ken Schulz



Mount Olive Lutheran Church (ELCA)

3045 Chicago Avenue South • Minneapolis, MN 55407 + Phone: (612) 827-5919

Musical, Liturgical, Welcoming + A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Email: welcome@mountolivechurch.org + Website: www.mountolivechurch.org

Staff

Pastor – Joseph Crippen

Interim Organist – Robert Farlee

Vicar – Natalie Wussler

Interim Choir Director – Andrew Stoebig

Administrative Assistant – Cha Posz

Sexton – Jose Morocho

Coordinator Neighborhood Ministry – Jim Bargmann