



Lenten Vespers

February 21, 2024

7:00 p.m.

*Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Love One Another

We know the heart of Jesus' commandment to us in our life of faith: "love one another as I have loved you," and will hear it once again in our Holy Week to come. Followers of Jesus took that to heart and thought of many ways to live into that commandment, and many of those encouragements are in the New Testament for us to hear. Some we know well: "forgive one another" (Matthew 18, Luke 17, Colossians 3, Ephesians 4); "welcome one another" (Romans 15, Matthew 18 and 25). These are part of our calling here in this community of faith that we cherish and claim as our aspiration in our life together.

There are others that are less known, and perhaps more challenging, that deserve our attention. When we live into these "one anothers" they draw us deeper into that greater commandment that was Jesus' fervent hope for us. This Lent on our midweek Wednesdays we'll focus our worship, prayer, and song on these calls to love.

This week: Agree with one another

Agreement among people is deeply challenging at times, we've found, even within (especially within?) communities of faith. Yet Paul calls his Romans to find a path in Christ between their serious disagreements, a path to oneness in Christ that honors their differences but finds unity in the love that has healed them and given them life.

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 and select "Sermons" from the list at the bottom of the page.



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Hymn

“Beloved, God’s Chosen”

HYMN 648

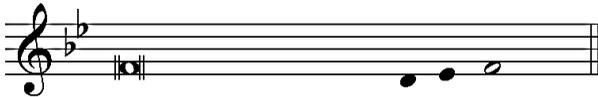
✝ Word

Readings: Matthew 18:15-20; Romans 12:16-18, 21

(seated)

A brief silence follows the 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 Now Magnifies the Lord”

HYMN 573

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

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Blessing

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Hymn

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended”

HYMN 569

Stanzas 2 and 4 may be sung in harmony.

Participants

Leader: Vicar Lauren Mildahl

Organist: Cantor David Cherwien

Sacristan: Gretchen Campbell-Johnson

Usher: Brad Nelson

Livestream: Dan Hellerich