



Lenten Vespers

February 28, 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: Confess your sins to one another

If reconciliation is the heart of our community, as Jesus said last week, finding a way to be honest with each other about our sin will be critical. Whether it's being brave enough to confess and ask forgiveness from the one we've hurt, or being vulnerable enough to confess to each other our deep brokenness and failings and so share the burden, confession opens the possibility of restored relationships and is core to our love for each other.

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

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

HYMN 603

Stanzas 2 and 4 may be sung in harmony.

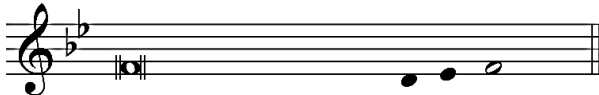
✝ Word

Readings: Luke 18:10-14; James 5:13-18

(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

“Christ, Mighty Savior”

HYMN 560

Stanzas 1 – All

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanza 2 – Low voices

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – All

Participants

Leader: Pastor Joseph Crippen
Organist: Cantor David Cherwien
Sacristan: Lora Dundek
Usher: Elaine Halbardier
Livestream: Eric Manuel