

Midweek Lenten Eucharist

February 21, 2024 + Noon 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.

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+ The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE

Please stand as the ministers enter.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" Stanza 1 – All Stanza 2 – Low voices; All at "One the object..." Stanza 3 – Treble voices; All at "One the gladness..." Stanza 4 – All

GREETING

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

G And also with you.

TRISAGION

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

(standing)

HYMN 327

A have mercy on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: 🖸 Amen

+ The Liturgy of the Word	
PSALMODY: Psalm 133 The verses are sung by all using the following tone:	(seated)
SECOND READING: Romans 12:16-18; 21	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Let your steadfast love"	НУМN 176
HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20 Response after the announcement: G Glory to you, O Lord. Response after the conclusion: G Praise to you, O Christ.	(standing)
Please remain standing until the invocation has been pronounced.	
SERMON Harmony Silence for reflection follows the sermon.	
НУМN OF THE DAУ "Beloved, God's Chosen"	(standing) НУMN 648
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Response: C hear our prayer.	(kneeling)
PEACE You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.	(standing)

+ The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

OFFERING (seated) OFFERTORY (standing as the gifts are brought forward) "Create in Me a Clean Heart" HYMN 188

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+ The Liturgy of Sending

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response:

BLESSING

Response: C Amen

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

C Amen

Q Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

P All-Gracious One, . . . are yours, now and forever. **C** Amen. Lord's Prayer spoken by all page 163 (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 "Now We Join in Celebration" HYMN 462

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING, PREFACE, AND SANCTUS

G Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

AT THE COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

Response: **©** Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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(standing)

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

P Remembering, therefore . . . at the end of all things.

Participants

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