



Lenten Vespers

March 13, 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: Encourage one another

Encouraging one another is such a joyful and uplifting aspect of loving one another! But there is still a challenge. How do you go beyond mere compliments and positivity and optimism to face the deep challenges of all the ways that fear, doubt, and despair can rob your siblings of their courage? Encouraging happens when we share love, yes, and also faith in the God who gives us enough hope to be courageous.

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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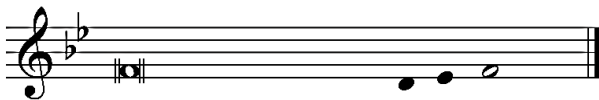
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 + 7:00 p.m.

✝ Opening

Service of Light

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

Dialog



- ☐ Behold, now is the accept- | able time;
- ☑ **now is the day | of salvation.**
- ☐ Turn us again, O God of | our salvation,
- ☑ **that the light of your face may | shine on us.**
- ☐ May your justice shine | like the sun;
- ☑ **and may the poor be | lifted up.**

Hymn of Light

“Joyous Light of Glory”

HYMN 229

Thanksgiving for Light

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✝ Psalmody

Psalm 141

(seated)

“Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense”

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Group One – Pulpit side

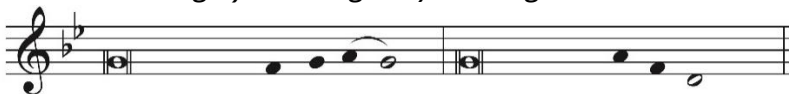
Group Two – Lectern side

Psalm Prayer

Psalm 27:1-5, 12-14

(seated)

The verses are sung by all using the following tone:



Psalm Prayer

Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

HYMN 796

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – All, in harmony

Stanza 3 – In 2-part canon; Trebles begin. Sing a part in need of your voice.

Stanza 4 – All

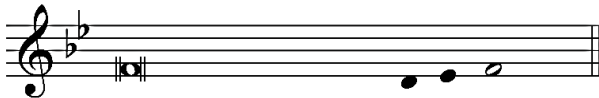
✝ Word

Readings: John 16:12-15, 32-33; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-14

(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

(kneeling) page 318

Blessing

(standing) page 319

Hymn

“To You, before the Close of Day”

HYMN 567

Participants

Leader: Pastor Joseph Crippen

* Organist: Mark Spitzack

Sacristan: Lora Dundek

Usher: Brad Nelson

Livestream: Eric Manuel

* *Cantor Cherwien is on vacation, returning March 17.*