



Midweek Lenten Eucharist

*March 12, 2024 + 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: All the vulnerable ones, all, are your care

If there is any consistency to God’s way of seeing the world and the people of the world, it is that the Triune God sees all as beloved, worthy, blessed. So those in need, whether people on the margins that Deuteronomy lifts up or people facing deep bodily and spiritual needs, as Jesus’ parable describes, are the ones most central to God’s care. And therefore central to ours.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Let your steadfast love...”

(standing)
HYMN 176

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-40

(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

In Our Nature

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Touch That Soothes and Heals”

(standing)
ACS HYMN 939

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

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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.**

☩ Remembering, therefore . . . water, food, and life.

☩ **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*

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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

“In the Singing”

HYMN 466

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!**

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