



## *Lenten Vespers*

*February 25, 2026 + 7:00 p.m.*

*Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

## Focus on the season: Daily Lectionary

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This year in our midweek Lenten worship we will use the newly revised daily lectionary, rather than setting a five-week theme for our worship. As with the daily lectionary that first came out with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the daily readings for Monday through Wednesday reflect back on the previous Sunday's readings.

Each Wednesday we'll hear readings that are assigned for the Wednesdays in Lent for year A. That means we'll be reflecting on and deepening our prayer around the themes the previous Sunday raised.

**This past Sunday** was the story of Jesus' testing in the desert.

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## ✝ Opening

Service of Light

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

Dialog



- Behold, now is the accept - a - ble time;  now is the day of sal - - - vation.  
 Turn us again, O God of our sal - vation,  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



1 Light of the world, in grace and beau - ty,  
2 Now as we see the lights of eve - ning,



mir - ror of God's e - ter - nal face,  
we raise our voice in hymns of praise;



trans - par - ent flame of love's free du - ty,  
wor - thy are you of end - less bless - ing,



you bring sal - va - tion to our days.  
sun of your night, lamp of our days.

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# ✝ Psalms

Psalm 141:1-4b, 8

(seated)

“Let My Prayer Rise Before You as Incense”

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Group One – Low voices

Group Two – Treble voices

Psalm Prayer

Psalm 32

*Sung antiphonally between sections of seating. Pulpit side begins.*





☐ Christ Jesus, hear our hum-ble pe-ti - tions ☑ for we have sinned a- gainst you.



☐ Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it:



☑ Listen to us, O Lord, and have mer-cy, for we have sinned a - gainst you.

Gospel Canticle

(standing)

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

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*Refrain – All*

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 3 – Low voices*

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

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Blessing

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*Copies of today's Wednesday noon sermon are on the table with the service folders tonight, and on the church website at [www.mountlivechurch.org](http://www.mountlivechurch.org) and select "Sermons" from the list at the bottom of the page.*





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