



Lenten Vespers

March 4, 2026 + 7:00 p.m.

*Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

Come to Life in Jesus

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 Abraham's trusting faith in God's call and Nicodemus' visit to Jesus by night to learn more about him. Today's Gospel reading is the verses following Sunday's reading, with the next part of Jesus' discourse.

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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.

Text: *Phos hilaron*, para. *Enriching our Worship 1*
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✝ Psalmody

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 128

Sung antiphonally by verse between sections of seating. Pulpit side begins.



Psalm Prayer

Hymn

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

HYMN 327

✝ Word

Readings: Hebrews 3:12-24; John 3:17-21

(seated)

A brief silence follows each reading.

Responsory



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



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Participants

Leader: Vicar Erik Nelson
Organist: Cantor Daniel Schwandt
Sacristan: Gretchen Campbell-Johnson
Usher: Brad Nelson
Livestream: Greg Murphy

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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