

Mount Olive Lutheran Church



Our service this evening will be centered in storytelling around the theme of Discovery. Mount Olive members will come forward to share their stories. Along with scripture and music, these personal stories will engage the connection between our story and God's story.

Mid-week Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
6:30 pm

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GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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OPENING PRAYER

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Lisa Janke

STORY

Sarah Jerde

A Story of Christ with Us
Thanks be to God.

SONG

"Listen"



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STORY

Andy and Grace Tofilon

A Story of Christ with Us
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Bestows on Every Sense"



1 God be - stows on ev - 'ry sense beau - ty as hope's
2 Catch a fleet - ing glimpse of grace in an un - ex -
3 Vi - brant pic - tures in our dreams, brushed with crys - tal
4 In a burnt and black - ened field bro - ken ground be -
5 God makes all cre - a - tion new, turn - ing back what



ev - i - dence: signs of what the earth will
pect - ed place: just a taste, the small - est
col - or schemes, van - ish from a wak - ing
gins to yield ti - ny, frag - ile sprouts of
peo - ple do, build - ing up what we de -



be just be - yond what we can see.
crumb of the ban - quet yet to come.
mind, leav - ing just a trace be - hind.
green: hints of for - ests yet un - seen.
stroy, sing - ing sor - row in - to joy.

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OFFERING

PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

"I Will Lie Down and Sleep in Peace"

Repeat at leader's direction

Now we will put our trust in you
Now we will put our trust in you
You hear us when we call
Now we will put our trust in you.

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BLESSING

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

Tonight's Storytellers:

Sarah Jerde was a faithful Mount Olive friend for quite some time before eventually becoming a member. She is grateful for this community's values of inclusivity and expansive view of God. She enjoys spending time outdoors during all of Minnesota's seasons with her husband, Mark and children, Lydia and Liam.

Grace Tofilon is learning something new every day as a fifth grader at Washington Elementary School with interests in sports, nature, cooking, math, and science. Andy works in marketing at Mayo Clinic and is a coach, board member on the softball association, and enabler (and funder) for Grace's many passions.

Lenten Offerings Support People in Need

This Lenten season we will stand in solidarity with people most at risk these days – the hungry, the poor, refugees and asylum seekers. Each mid-week worship offering will be designated for Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service), an agency restoring a sense of home to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. The mid-week soup suppers (served each Wednesday evening at 5:15 pm) will include a free-will offering which will support, ELCA World Hunger, one of the most effective agencies in the world at getting food to hungry people. Thank you for your generosity!

| Worship Participants | |
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| Story Tellers | Sarah Jerde, Andy & Grace Tofilon |
| Presiding Ministers | Rev. Lisa Janke, Rev. Dr. Glenn Monson |
| Pianist | Deacon Travis Beck |
| Psalmist/Musician | Richard Bruxvoort Colligan |
| Greeter | Lynn Nelson |
| Usher | Keith & Cathy Hanson |
| Welcome Desk | Nancy Britson |
| Livestream Video | Jonathan Jackson |