

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe Street ✠ Sylvania, Ohio 43560

January 18, 2026 ✠ 9 a.m.

GATHERING

**WELCOME
AND PRELUDE**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Rejoice Handbell Choir

GREETING AND SHARING THE PEACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all. **And also with you.**

KIDS OF THE KIN(G)DOM

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil
We sing three times.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mike Linehan

Let us pray (*brief silence*). Patient God, your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice.
Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all
that may be wrong. **Amen.**

WORD

PSALM 69:9, 21, 26, 29-31, 35-36

Heidi Lohrmann

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
They gave me gall to eat,
and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.
For they persecute the one whom you have stricken
and add to pain of those whom you have pierced.
As for me, I am afflicted and in pain;
your help, O God, will lift me up on high.
I will praise your name, O God, in song;
I will proclaim your greatness with thanksgiving.
This will please the LORD more than an offering of oxen,
more than young bulls with horns and hoofs.
For God will save Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah;
they shall live there and have it as their possession.
The children of God's servants will inherit it,
and those who love God's name will dwell therein.

Light of Christ.

Illumine our path.

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency, sitting there. He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me.*

Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"

Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days, I'll raise it up."

The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival, many believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs that he did. But Jesus didn't trust himself to them because he knew all people. He didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature, for he knew what human nature was.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa Micham

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let your steadfast love come to us, O LORD.
For you are our light and our salvation.

MEAL**OFFERING AND
MUSICAL OFFERING**

All Is Well
Arr. Lloyd Larson

Rejoice Handbell Choir
and Olivet Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

God of signs and wonders, you are our source of our being and community. Gather our gifts for your glory in heaven and on earth.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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WELCOME TO THE TABLE

TABLE PRAYER

God of mystery and meaning, send us into your world as agents of your peace, light, and love. Nourished by this sacred meal, may we become, with you, bread for a weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

BENEDICTION

(John 1:29; Romans 12:11; Matthew 23:23)

Behold the Lamb of God! Freed from fear, go into the world. Rejoice where others rejoice. Weep where others weep. Do not neglect God's mercy and justice. + Hold firm to your faith. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Reveal Christ's love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

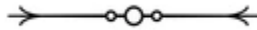
Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Altar flowers are presented today...

by Jerry Dunaway

in honor of **Brian Dunaway's** birthday.



Rev. Melissa Micham, Lead Pastor
Rebecca Cress, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Sarah Lewis, Accompanist/Organist

Carol Miller, Handbell Choir Director

Steve Hodge, Olivet Choir Director

Acolytes: Greta Pomrenke, Hayes Moran

Altar Guild: Donna Reynolds, Sally Woodard

Greeters: Amy Dixon & Mike Linehan

Livestream/Sound Technician: Susan Santoro

Nursery Attendants: Cat Carlo, Josie Billau

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