

# Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe Street ✠ Sylvania, Ohio 43560

March 8, 2026 ✠ 9 a.m.

*\*An asterisk indicates portions of our liturgy where you are invited to stand.*

## GATHERING

**WELCOME  
AND PRELUDE**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
arr. Joel Raney

Handbell Quartet

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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**\*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**

**\*KYRIE**

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

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**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Glory to God in the highest...*

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Mike Linehan

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, your courage and integrity—even in the face of violence—stand in stark  
contrast to our own. Mold us to resemble your candor, more than Peter's cowardice. **Amen.**

## WORD

**PSALM 17:1-7**

Barb Layman

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;

**listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**

Let my vindication come forth from your presence;

**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down;

**you will find no impurity in me.**

I have not regarded what others do;

**at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;

**and my feet do not slip.**

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;

**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,

**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise against them.**

**GOSPEL: John 18:12-27**

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

Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the guards from the Jewish leaders took Jesus into custody. They bound him and led him first to Annas. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. (Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it was better for one person to die for the people.)

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Because this other disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard. However, Peter stood outside near the gate. Then the other disciple (the one known to the high priest) came out and spoke to the woman stationed at the gate, and she brought Peter in. The servant woman stationed at the gate asked Peter, "Aren't you one of this man's disciples?"

"I'm not," he replied. The servants and the guards had made a fire because it was cold. They were standing around it, warming themselves. Peter joined them there, standing by the fire and warming himself.

Meanwhile, the chief priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered, "I've spoken openly to the world. I've always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews gather. I've said nothing in private. Why ask me? Ask those who heard what I told them. They know what I said."

After Jesus spoke, one of the guards standing there slapped Jesus in the face. "Is that how you would answer the high priest?" he asked.

Jesus replied, "If I speak wrongly, testify about what was wrong. But if I speak correctly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him, bound, to Caiaphas the high priest.

Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing with the guards, warming himself. They asked, "Aren't you one of his disciples?"

Peter denied it, saying, "I'm not."

A servant of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said to him, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?" Peter denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

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**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## MEAL

### OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

*Holy Ground*  
Arr. Lloyd Larson

Lindsay Andrews  
Samantha Olrich

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### \*LORD'S PRAYER

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### WELCOME TO THE TABLE

### SONGS DURING COMMUNION

*Lamb of God*  
*Here is Bread*

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### TABLE PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

### \*BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, + in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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