

The Morning Worship

Liturgists
9:00 – *Pastor Bakken*
10:00am – *Pastor Kalland*
11:00am – *Pastor Bakken*
12noon – *Pastor Hammersten*

The Prelude *Beautiful Savior* - - - - arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

The Processional Hymn

(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav’n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have

left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Stewardship Hymn of Praise - - - - - 880:3

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation:

Lord God, you offer us your righteousness as a gift to be received, treasured, and shared. Mired in sin and insecurity, we sometimes have difficulty believing your love for us and trusting your grace. Therefore, grant us the faith to hear your justifying word that we may be free from our fears and set loose to love our neighbors. In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen. *(Please sing)*

(Please be seated)

The Epistle - - - - - Romans 1:16-17 (page 914)

This verse drove Martin Luther nearly to despair when he thought that righteousness was our responsibility. When he realized that righteousness – literally, being in right standing with God – was God’s gift to those who believe, he felt like the gates of heaven had been opened to him.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 779:1, 4

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Luke 15:1-7 (page 850)

These are among the most famous and beloved verses of Luke’s Gospel – a parable that describe God’s relentless pursuit of all who are lost...and the joy God feels when anyone who is lost is now found.

(After the reading, please sing)

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Profession of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Anthem

9:00 and 10:00 *Be Thou My Vision*- - - - - arr. Alice Parker
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 *Beautiful Savior* - - - - - Lloyd Larson
Senior Choir

The Welcome

The Offertory

Come, Everyone that is Thirsty in Spirit - - - - - Lucy Rider
Justin Staebell, baritone

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - - 511:1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

The Sermon **Pastor Lose**
“Freedom! Justification by Grace through Faith”

The Baptismal Service *(held during the 12noon service)*

(Please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 886:1, 3

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears,
brings life and health and peace.

The Lord’s Prayer - - - - - Page 112

The Benediction and Threefold Amen
(The congregation is asked to pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - - - arr. Richard Elliott

*Please be so kind as to leave your bulletin at the end of the pew
or place in the recycle bin as you leave. Thank you.*

Director of Worship & Music, *Beverly Claflin*
Principal Organist, *Richard Owen*
Director of Senior & Cathedral Choirs, *Beverly Claflin*

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence and prayers. A pastor will be available in the lounge to greet you following the service. If you have any questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, please come to the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins and hearing devices available at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

Baptism

Walter Thomas Armbruster; son of Ellen and Chad, will be received into the fellowship of Christ and His Church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism today.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Kelly Phillips, given by the Bevis, Norlin-Weaver, and Peterson families.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Blanche Fairman, on the anniversary of her birthday, given by her kids and grandkids.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Christopher Curry, on the anniversary of his 50th birthday, given by Cate, Rowan, Aidan, and Bronach Curry.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in honor of our grandchildren: Carly, Eric, Jordyn and Mitchell, given by Joyce and Dick Blenkush.

The flowers on the altar in the Serley Chapel are in loving memory of Robert Wilcox, given by his family.

If you would like to donate Sunday morning altar flowers in loving memory or in honor of someone you know, please contact Mary Lindberg, 612-767-2200 or maryl@mtolivet.org. Orders are appreciated two weeks in advance of your desired date. The cost is \$50.00.

Next Sunday

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Hammersten will be preaching on *“The Present-Tense God: Law and Gospel.”* Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. At 9, 10, and 11am, there will be Sunday Church School and The Way, and nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years.

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 17, 2017

PASTORS

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