

The Morning Worship

Liturgist
Pastor Cornils

The Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - Aaron David Miller

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.

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 - - - - - 880:1

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

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

Pastor and Congregation:

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *(Please sing)*

(Please be seated)

The Epistle - - - - - Hebrews 4:12-16 (page 973)

God's Word is living and active. That is, it actually does something to us, first making us aware of our need for grace and then delivering that grace in the form of the Gospel, the good news of God's great love for us.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 620:1, 5

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away all fear.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Mark 10:23-31 (page 822)

Were our entrance into heaven based on what we have done we would be lost. Jesus reminds his disciples – both then and now – that while achieving salvation may be impossible for us, it is more than possible for God.

(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 *I Will Give Thanks* - - - - - Joseph Martin
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 *I Sing As I Arise Today* - - - - - James Fritschel
Senior Choir

The Welcome

The Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul - - - - - arr. Clydesdale
Amanda Jenkins, soprano

(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- - - - - 705:1

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

The Sermon **Pastor Hammersten**
"The Present-Tense God: Law and Gospel"

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

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 697:1

I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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 *Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" - Albert L. Travis*

*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*
Assistant Director of Senior Choir, *Brian Ohnsorg*
Director of Cathedral Choir, *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.

Baptisms

Kendall Jane Wright, daughter of Stacie and Aaron; Seth Parker Singerhouse, son of Noelle and Jay; Otto Vincent Wiatrowski, son of Margaret and Jacob; and Jackson Richard Palmer, son of Sarah and Kyle; 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 Mike Feller on the anniversary of his birthday, given by Bill, Meg, Madison and Allison Feller.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Edward Bankey on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his wife, Elvi, and family.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Brian Lee North on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his mother, Eleanor L. Organ.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Ruth Jensen, on the anniversary of her birthday, given by her daughter Sally Farnsworth.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in loving memory of Benjamin Blat on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his parents, Jean and Alan Blat.

The flowers on the altar in the Serley Chapel are in loving memory of Clayton Unstad and Bob Larson, given by Sandy McCalvy and Jan Unstad.

The flowers on the altar in the Youngdahl Chapel are in honor of Tom MacNally on his retirement and for his faithful dedication to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church as Chief Operating Officer, given by the church staff.

Next Sunday

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor MacLean will be preaching on *"The Ambidextrous God: The Two Kingdom's and God's Ongoing Work in the World."* 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 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 24, 2017

PASTORS

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