



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

### Why Church? So We Can Give Thanks

November 19, 2023

Liturgists: 9 and 11am Pastor Hammersten, 10am Pastor Dixon

### The Prelude

*Let All Things Now Living*

Duane Funderburk

Julie Johnson, flute and Diane Loudon, cello

Jordan Buchholtz, piano

*(please stand when invited)*

### The Processional Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

858:1, 2, 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,

joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

### 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:** St. John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8-9). And so we gather to confess our sin, not because we fear God thinks us unworthy, but because we trust God’s promise to receive us always in mercy and grace. Let us therefore pray together with confidence...

**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:** Almighty God, in mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, God gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. All this is promised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.** *(please sing)*

## The Hymn of Praise

*Now Thank We All Our God*

840:1

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers’ arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Pastor and Congregation:** Dear God, help us to see your manifold blessings, give thanks for them, and in this way be blessed again.

In Jesus’ name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

853:1, 5

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,  
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"

God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

## The Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

**Glory to you, O Lord.** *(please stand as you are able and sing)*

*One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind Jesus at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*

**Praise to you, O Christ.** *(please sing)*

## **The Profession of Faith**

### *The Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 Welcome**

**Pastor Ruud**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*All Good Gifts* from **Godspell**

Stephen Schwartz/John Leavitt

*So be devoted to one another...and rejoice in hope.*

*Give with simplicity, show mercy with cheerfulness,  
and do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with love.*

Romans 12:8-21

Alan Bach, tenor

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

## *Amazing Grace*

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Julie Johnson, flute and Diane Loudon, cello

Jordan Buchholtz, piano

11am

## **The Offertory Prayer** *(please stand as you are able)*

*Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

*(please be seated)*

## **The Pulpit Hymn**

*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

## **The Sermon**

**Pastor Ruud**

*Why Church? So We Can Give Thanks*

## **The Baptismal Service** *(held during the 11am service)*

The following will be named a child of God and receive the  
promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ through the  
sacrament of Holy Baptism.

*Monroe Jean Waletzko, daughter of Ali-Marie and Jacob*

## **The Closing Hymn** *(please stand as you are able)*

*We Praise You, O God*

870:3

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Sending Prayer**

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

*(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)*

## **The Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Egil Hovland

## **Thank you for worshiping with us!**

If you have questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, we would love to speak with you at the Information Desk in the narthex.

Holy Communion is offered at 8:30am and following the 11am service each Sunday.

Nursery is provided during all worship services. Come join us downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall!

## **November Altar Flower Dedications**

In memory of Reverend Timothy Fuzzey on the anniversary of  
his birthday, by Pam Fuzzey and family

In memory of Hazel Lewis, by her family

In memory of Richard Calvin Marshall, by Marcia Marshall and family

In memory of Bruce McLellan on his 90th birthday, by his wife Peggy

In memory of Rick Moore, by Jan Unstad

In memory of Marion and Forrest Schoeller,

by Jon, Kim, Megan, and Molly Kimball

In honor of Adam Dunlap's 40th birthday and his  
parents' wedding anniversary, by the Dunlap Family

In honor of Dawn and Genevieve's November birthdays

In celebration of Emma's baptism on November 19th,

by her parents Brian and Jenny Fretschel

In celebration of Quinn's baptism, by her parents

In celebration of the 248th birthday of the United States Marine Corps

If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund please contact Jody  
Barbee at [jbarbee@mtolivet.org](mailto:jbarbee@mtolivet.org) or 952.767.1501.

## **Ways to give to Mount Olivet**

**Online** at [mtolivet.org/online-giving](http://mtolivet.org/online-giving)

**Text** "MTOLIVET" to 73256

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Thank you for your generosity!

## **Pastors**

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## **Worship & Music Staff**

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