



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus**

**The Unusual Suspects: Ruth**

**July 7, 2024**

Liturgist: Pastor Grangaard

## **The Prelude**

*Overture Music for the Royal Fireworks*

Handel/Scott

*(please stand when invited)*

## **The Processional Hymn**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

413:1, 2

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

## **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

*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

863:1, 4

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!  
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art,  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

## 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, when we are worn out and afraid, remind us that you are with us always and have given us the gifts and faith to do the work you have set for us. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*How Great Thou Art*

856:1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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how great thou art! How great thou art!

## The Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:4-15

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

*But Elijah himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the*

*Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.*

**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 Hammersten**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Mark Hayes

Justin Staebell, baritone  
Jordan Buchholtz, piano

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

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

*(please be seated)*

**The Pulpit Hymn**

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

696:1, 5

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Cieslik**

*Elijah*

**The Baptismal Service** *(held during the 10am 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.

*Benjamin David Lee, son of Heather and Jack*

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

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

543:1

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

## **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**

*Allegro maestoso from **Water Music***

Handel/Perks

## **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.

Throughout the summer, Holy Communion is offered during worship on the third Sunday of each month and at 8:30am on all other Sundays.

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

## **July Altar Flower Dedications**

In memory of Vicki Dianne Bielke, by the Bielke Family

In loving memory of Jeff Bowers on his one year heaven anniversary,  
by the Bowers and Illies Families

In loving memory of our parents Art and Mickey Dubke and Gus Gunderson,  
by Dan and Joan Gunderson

In memory of Hayes S. McCallum on our wedding anniversary,  
by his wife Marcia McCallum

In memory of Merle Shult on his birthday, by his wife Wanda

In loving memory of Jean and Al TeWinkel, by Leslie and Mark Edlund

In memory of Mary Williams on her birthday, by her husband and family

In honor of Steve and Deb Kind's July birthdays

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In celebration of Isabel Barrett Brainerd on her baptism

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.

### **Pastors**

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor

Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten, Mark J. Dixon,  
Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik, Jeni F. Grangaard

### **Worship and Music Staff**

Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music

Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist

### **Mount Olivet General Fund**

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