



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus September 22, 2024 ~ What the World Needs Now

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Hammersten, 10am Pastor Cieslik,  
11am Pastor Grangaard

### The Prelude

*Variations on "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

David Lasky

*(please stand when invited)*

### The Processional Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

631:1, 4

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

### 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

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

823:1

Praise the Lord! O heav’ns, adore him;  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
praise him, gleaming stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws which never shall be broken  
for their guidance he has made.

## 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, grant us generous hearts, knowing that we give to you only what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

666:3

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb,  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

## The Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-12

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

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

**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 Freeman**

## **The Stewardship Moment**

**Pastor Cieslik**

### *Closing the Gap*

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*I Choose Love*

Mark Miller

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

### **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**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

818:2, 3

Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me your patience; share with me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

## **The Sermon**

**Pastor Freeman**

*What the World Needs Now*

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

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

873:1

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your king.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

## **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**

*Toccata "Hyfrydol"*

David Lasky

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

Holy Communion is offered at 8:30am and following the 11am service each Sunday. Nursery is provided during all worship services and is located downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall.

### **Pastors**

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor  
Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,  
Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,  
Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson Popp

### **Worship and Music Staff**

Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and  
Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs  
Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist  
Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist

## September Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Ed Bankey on his birthday, by Elvi Bankey

In loving memory of husband Boyd Blomberg Jr. and grandson

William Boyd Wicks, by Karen Blomberg

In memory of Jeff Bowers on his birthday, September 22,

by Matt and Kim Stratton

In loving memory of Richard "Dick" Connell on his birthday,

by his wife Sandy Connell and family

In honor of our mother and grandmother, Annette Gibson, who will be celebrating her 80th birthday on September 22, by her three children and their families

In memory of Peter Hoffman on his birthday,

by Jon, Sharon, Pamela, Isabel, and Jon

In loving memory of mother Ruth Jensen on her birthday, by Sally Farnsworth

In memory of Carolyn Larson, by Wayne Larson and family

In loving memory of Jim Lerberg of the anniversary of his birthday September 16,

by Diane Lerberg

In loving memory of Sandy Nordrum VanDecar,

by Bill and Diana Nordrum and family

In memory of Elaine C. Person on the anniversary of her birth, by her family

In memory of Dean K. Peterson,

by his brothers, David and Danny, and sister Jere

In loving memory of Clayton Unstad and Bob Larson,

by Sandy McCalvy and Jan Unstad

In memory of William and Doris von Hassel, by their daughter Lynn

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In celebration of granddaughter Sarah Benke's marriage to

Tyler Berg on September 8, by Marlene Westin

In celebration of Les and Dawn Dahlberg's 50th wedding anniversary

In celebration of Daniel Behrendt and Kate Johnson's birthdays,

by Ryan Johnson and Anne Behrendt

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.

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