



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Reformation Sunday - October 27, 2024

*In the Beginning: The Call of Abraham*

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

### **The Prelude**

*Fantasia on Ein Feste Burg*

James Curnow

brass ensemble, percussion, and organ

*(please stand when invited)*

### **The Processional Hymn**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

504:1, 2, 3, 4

*The striking of the anvil heard during the introduction to the processional hymn represents Martin Luther's act of nailing the 95 Theses to a church door in Wittenberg - an act that ignited the flame of the Reformation.*

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

## 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

*The Church’s One Foundation*

654:1

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

## 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, across the centuries you have called people like Abraham and Sarah and like Martin and Katie Luther to answer your call. Inspire us by their example and help us to trust you as they did.

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

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*O God beyond All Praising*

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 Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

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

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.*

**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 Lose**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Ascribe to the Lord*

Rosephanye Powell

Cathedral Choir - 9am  
Robert Adney, marimba

*Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song*

Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir - 10am

*O Word of God*

Craig Courtney

Senior Choir - 11am

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

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

885

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**

*Thy Strong Word*

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**

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## **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**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Jeff Perks

### **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  
Amanda Jenkins, Director of Chancel Choir  
Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral and Chancel Choir Accompanist

## **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. Come join us downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall!

### **October Altar Flower Dedications**

In loving memory of Richard Amundson, by Pearl Amundson and family

In memory of Earline T. Walker on the anniversary of her birthday,  
by her children, Marcia and Ken

In loving memory of my father Stanley A. Nerhaugen, by Mary Kaphings

In memory of Floyd and Ruth Young on what would have been their 76th  
anniversary, by Kay and Bill Marohn

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral Staff

In celebration of Irma's birthday, by her husband Dave Regan

In celebration of the birthdays of Christy Hanson and  
Debbie Danich, by their mom, Sandy McCalvy

In celebration of 75 years of COP, in love and memory of previous campers,  
current campers and staff, and to future campers and staff, by Linda Schwanebeck

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