



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

January 19, 2025

Liturgists: 9 and 10am Pastor Olson Popp, 11am Pastor Freeman

### The Prelude

*Elegy*

James Biery

*(please stand when invited)*

### The Processional Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

705:1, 4

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.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

### 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

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

Alleluia, song of gladness,  
voice of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem  
ever dear to choirs on high;  
in the house of God abiding  
thus they sing eternally.

318:1

## 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, remind us that in our baptism you called us, as you once called Jesus, your beloved child with whom you are well pleased. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*Thy Holy Wings*

613:1, 3

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,  
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

## The Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

**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 Cieslik**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*Follow the River*

Joseph Martin

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

*The King of Love*

Paul Christiansen

Brian Haase, soloist  
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**

*Baptized in Water*

456:1, 3

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

## **The Sermon**

**Pastor Cieslik**

### *The Baptism of Jesus*

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

*Remember and Rejoice*

454:1

Remember and rejoice,  
renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,  
that time cannot erase.

## **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**

*God of Grace*

J. Bert Carlson

### **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  
Miriam Jensen, Associate Organist  
Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist

## January Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of mother Ana Lorraine Buck, brother Harold Frank Buck, Jr., and  
sister-in-law Marsha Jean Buck, by Michael Buck

In memory of Marian Danielson on her wedding anniversary month,  
by Thomas Danielson

In memory of Sonya Albrightson Fouts, by Jean and Jon Albrightson

In memory of Kay Huhner on her birthday, by Russell Huhner

In loving memory of Richard Calvin Marshall, by Marcia Marshall

In memory of Martin Peper on his birthday, by Claire Peper and family

In loving memory of Evelyn Wert, by Launa and Gary

In loving memory of Mary Kohlmeyer Tauer, by Jean and Ray Witter

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In celebration of Mark and Julie Goodlund's wedding anniversary,  
by Sheila Luiken and Carly Garber

In celebration of Maren's January birthday, by Steve and Deb Kind

In celebration of Todd Klemmensen on his birthday,

by his wife Beth, given with love, and his children Brady and Annie

In celebration of our precious grandson Cedar's birthday,

by Deb and Greg Page

In celebration of Stefanie Trebil's birthday,

by her sister, Beth Klemmensen

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