



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles

May 18, 2025

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

The Prelude

Voluntary on "Hyfrydol"

Jason D. Payne

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Lift High The Cross

660:1, 3, 4

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

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 expect you to show up in our lives and make a difference.

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

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

574:1

“I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

The Scripture Reading

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:1-5

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

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

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

I Choose Love

Mark Miller

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

O Day Full of Grace

F. Melius Christiansen

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
O praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

793:1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

The Sermon

Pastor Cieslik

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

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.

Grady Samuel Hogan, son of Emily and Dan
Lander William Kumpf, son of Meghan and John

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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

864:1

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!

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

The Prayer of Good Courage

Kent Gustavson

First Time: Choir only

Second Time: Congregation and Choir

O God, you have called us
to ventures where we cannot see the end,
by paths never yet taken, through perils unknown.
Give us good courage not knowing where we go,
to know that your hand is leading us
wherever we might go. Amen.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

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 & Music Staff

Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and
Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs
Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist

May Altar Flower Dedications

In memory of Robert Cabillot on his birthday, by the Cabillot Family

In memory of our moms Evelyn Edgecumbe and Agnes Ostlund,
by Betty Ostlund and Peg Hanson

In memory of Mavis Erickson, by her family

In memory of Sandy Haberkorn and Naomi Kind, by Steve and Deb Kind

In loving memory of Kathy Hubbard on the celebration
of her birthday, by Jack Hubbard

In loving memory Herb and Beth Johnson on the anniversary of their birthdays,
by Sue and Jim Meister and family

In loving memory of Vera Johnson on Mother's Day,
by Dee and Courtney Henderson

In loving honor of Walt Kucharski, by Barry and Carla Becklin

In loving memory of Becky Larson, by Wayne Larson

In loving memory of Dorothy Larson and Georgie McCalvy,
by Sandy McCalvy and Jan Unstad

In memory of Julie Carter Ludwig,
by Peter Ludwig, the Carter Family, and Jane Hille

In loving memory of Patricia Mattson on her birthday May 15,
by Jill, Jennifer, and Bob Mattson

In memory of Marlys Naaktgeboren, by her husband Don and family

In loving memory of our husband, dad, and Boppa Reed Olson during his birthday
month, by Cindy, Erin, Jenna, Pat, and Quinn

In loving memory of Richard Pihlstrom, by Judy Pihlstrom and family

In loving memory of Andrew Strom, by his sister Kris Erickson

In loving memory Vivian Tveter and Vicki Tveter, by Sue and Carol Tveter

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

In memory of Evelyn Young, by Byron Hanson

In appreciation of Pastor Dixon

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In celebration of the birth of Maren and Paige

In celebration of Peggy Lawrence on her birthday, by her grandsons Ollie and Max

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