



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles

May 25, 2025

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Olson Popp, 10am Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Canticle of Grace

Franklin Ashdown

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

413:1, 3, 4

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! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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! Sing to Jesus

392:1

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

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, use this worship service to equip us for lives of faithful service. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Beautiful Savior

838:1

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

The Scripture Reading

You Will Be My Witnesses

Acts 1:6-14

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

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 Grangaard

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Sacred Harp Medley

Brant Adams

Takako Senn, trumpet
Miriam Jensen, 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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

888:1

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

The Moment of Remembrance *(please stand as you are able)*

Taps

David Butterfield

Takako Senn, trumpet

The Memorial Prayer

(please be seated)

The Sermon

Pastor Grangaard

You Will Be My Witnesses

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

This is My Song

887:1

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

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

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Robert Hobby

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor
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Miriam Jensen, Associate Organist

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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