



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

*Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles*

June 1, 2025

Liturgist: Pastor Grangaard

### The Prelude

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Jeff Perks

*(please stand when invited)*

### The Processional Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation*

796:1, 2

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

### 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

*Jesus, the Very Thought of You*

754:1, 3

Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight;  
but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.

O Hope of ev’ry contrite soul, O joy of all the meek,  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!

## 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, when life does not go according to plan, help us to trust you to guide us into a new and better future.

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

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*Day by Day*

790:1

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.

Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.

Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

## The Scripture Reading

*Choosing a New Apostle*

Acts 1:12-17, 20-26

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

*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. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become*

*a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.*

**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 Hammersten**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*He’s Got the Whole World In His Hand*

Margaret Bonds

Elena Stabile, soprano  
Jordan Buchholtz, piano

**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**

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

620:1, 5

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away all fear.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Hammersten**

*Choosing a New Apostle*

**The Baptismal Service** *(held during the 10am 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.

Bennett Michael Rorro, son of Katherine and Michael

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

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

618:1

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

## **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**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Edwin T. Childs

### **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  
Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist

## **June Altar Flower Dedications**

In memory of Sandra Bloomquist, by her husband, Timothy Bloomquist

In memory of Robert Cabillot, by his children

In loving memory of Brandon Desjarlait on his birthday,  
by Wanda, Susan, Sharon, and Steve

In memory of Ron Haberkorn and Gene Kind, by Steve and Deb Kind

In loving memory of Bertil Johnson on Father's Day,  
by Dee and Courtney Henderson

In loving memory of Vera Johnson on her birthday June 6,  
by Dee and Courtney Henderson

In loving memory of Dave Nelson, by Janet Nelson and family

In memory of Eldon C. Person on the 71st anniversary of his ordination in the  
Lutheran ministry, by his family

In loving memory of George and Margaret Pommer on what would be their 72nd  
wedding anniversary, by Pamela and Lori Pommer

In memory of Harold and Gladys Stratmoen, by Peter and Susan Stratmoen

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Freeman

In honor of Karen Lund Brust on her 90th birthday, by her family

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