



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

*Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles*

June 15, 2025

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Dixon, 10am Pastor Grangaard

### The Prelude

*Four Chorale Preludes on Lobe Den Herren*

Larry Visser

*(please stand when invited)*

### The Processional Hymn

*You Servants of God*

825:1, 4

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

### 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

*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

863:1, 5

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!  
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!

My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!  
On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

## 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, grant us a keen awareness of your many blessings to us that we may share with others with joy and delight.

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

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

818:1

O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

## The Scripture Reading

*Life Among the First Believers*

Acts 2:37-47

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

*Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*

**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**

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

Mark Hayes

Justin Staebell, baritone and Jordan Buchholtz, 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**

*Day by Day*

790:1, 2

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.

Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

## **The Sermon**

**Pastor Hammersten**

*Life Among the First Believers*

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**The Words of Institution** *(please stand as you are able)*

## **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.

*(please be seated)*

## **The Distribution of Elements**

*Communion will be served by cup. Please follow the usher's directions to the altar communion rail. Both white grape juice and red wine are available as well as gluten free wafers. All are welcome.*

## **The Communion Hymn**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

494:1, 4

For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

## **The Communion Anthem**

*Deep River*

Mark Hayes

Justin Staebell, baritone and Jordan Buchholtz, piano

## **The Communion Blessing** *(please stand as you are able)*

## **The Closing Prayer**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life, and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

Anna Laura Page

## **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 loving memory of Louise Engelke, by Bob and Cynthia

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

In celebration of Bryn and Zoey's golden birthday, and sister Harlow's birthday,  
by Tifani, Scott, and Keegan Williams

If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund please contact Jody  
Barbee at [jbarbee@mtolivet.org](mailto:jbarbee@mtolivet.org) or 952.767.1501.

## **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

## **Mount Olivet General Fund**

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