



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles

June 22, 2025

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Grangaard, 10am Pastor Kalland

The Prelude

Flute Sonata in E Minor, III. Andante

J. S. Bach

Libby Laufers, flute
Jordan Buchholtz, piano

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

654:1, 2

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

517:1

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

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 the courage to witness to you in word and deed, reminding us that you will be with us always.

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

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

How Great Thou Art

856:1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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how great thou art! How great thou art!

The Scripture Reading

Peter and John on Trial

Acts 4:1-22

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

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the

builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.” Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, “What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.” After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.

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 Dixon

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Morning Song

David Ferreira

Libby Laufers, flute 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

Built on a Rock

652:1, 3

Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

The Sermon

Pastor Dixon

Peter and John on Trial

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.

Rory Daniel Geistfeld, son of Sarah and Joe

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

Lead On, O King Eternal!

805:3

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Richard Elliott

Pastors

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Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,
Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson Popp

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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 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

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