



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

*Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles*

July 6, 2025

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

### The Prelude

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Diane Loudon, cello and Miriam Jensen, piano

Matt Riley

*(please stand when invited)*

### The Processional Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

413:1, 2

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! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

### 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*

836:1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

## 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, throughout history you have given the church men and women of courage who placed faithfulness to you above all other things. Give us the courage today to bear witness to your love and compassion for all, no matter the cost. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual 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 Scripture Reading

*The First Martyr*

Acts 7:54-8:3

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

*When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. And Saul approved of their killing him. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison.*

**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 Kalland**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

Diane Loudon, cello and Miriam Jensen, piano

Phillip Keveren

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

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 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 Sermon**

**Pastor Kalland**

### *The First Martyr*

## **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**

*God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Michael Burkhardt

### **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  
Miriam Jensen, Associate Organist

## **July Altar Flower Dedications**

In memory of Beverly Beveroth on the anniversary of her 98th birthday month

In memory of Vicki Dianne Bielke, by the Bielke Family

In memory of Gerald Dahle, by the Dahle Family

In loving memory of Kathy Hubbard on the first year of her passing,  
by Jack Hubbard and family

In memory of Hayes S. McCallum on the anniversary of his birthday,  
by his wife Marcia McCallum

In loving memory of Merle Shult on his birthday,  
by Wanda Shult and family

In memory of John Stratton and Jeff Bowers,  
by Matt Stratton and family

In memory of Jean and Al TeWinkel, by Leslie and Mark Edlund

In memory of Mary Williams on her birthday,  
by Philip Williams and family

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Cieslik

In celebration of Bill and Shirley Huskins on their 75th wedding anniversary on  
June 24, by Deborah and Charles Huskins

In celebration of Steve and Deb Kind's July birthdays

In celebration of Brady Klemmensen's birthday,  
by Beth, Todd, and Annie Klemmensen

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