



# MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

*Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles*

July 13, 2025

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Kalland, 10am Pastor Grangaard

### The Prelude

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Edwin T. Childs

*(please stand when invited)*

### The Processional Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*

660:1, 4

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

### 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

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

823:1

Praise the Lord! O heav’ns, adore him;  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him;  
praise him, gleaming stars and light.  
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws which never shall be broken  
for their guidance he has made.

## 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, where we see barriers, you see opportunities. Grant us the faith and compassion to invite all people to experience your love and grace. In Jesus' name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

*(please be seated)*

## The Gradual Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

793:1, 3

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

## The Scripture Reading

*An Unlikely Baptism*

Acts 8:26-39

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

*Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this*

*scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.*

**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 Olson Popp**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*The Meditations of My Heart*

Elaine Hagenberg

Summer Pop-Up Choir

### **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**

*Baptized in Water*

456:1, 2

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

## **The Sermon**

**Pastor Olson Popp**

### *An Unlikely Baptism*

## **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.

Kennedy Kelli Wynia, daughter of Lauren and Mitchell

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

*Remember and Rejoice*

454:1

Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.  
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.

## **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**

*Down to the River to Pray*

Hayes/Wagner

### **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 and  
Director of the Summer Pop-Up Choir  
Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist  
Susan Steincross, Pop-Up Choir Accompanist

## 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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