



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles

August 3, 2025

Liturgists: 9am Pastor Grangaard, 10am Pastor Dixon

The Prelude

Arabesque and Prelude from 24 Pièces en style libre Louis Vierne

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

834:1, 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

879:1

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

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, you regularly surprise us with the reach of your grace. Remind us that you love all people and that your mercy is intended for everyone. In Jesus’ name, **Amen.** *(please sing)*

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

840:1

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

The Scripture Reading

The Mission to the Gentiles

Acts 11:1-18

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

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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 Lose

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul

Mark Hayes

Brian Haase, bass 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

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

The Sermon

Pastor Lose

The Mission to the Gentiles

The Baptismal Service *(held during the 10am service)*

The following will be named children of God and receive the
promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ through the
sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Alexander van Hooff, son of Emily and Jeroen

Isabella Joy van Hooff, daughter of Emily and Jeroen

Blaire Adalyn Matuseski, daughter of Justine and Aaron

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

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

848:1

Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

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

Finale from St. Paul's Suite, Op. 29

Gustav Holst

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

August Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Dennis “Denny” Dickey on his birthday,
by his wife Corinne and daughters Jodi and Heather

In loving memory of Kay Olson Divine, Mike Divine,
and Reed Kenneth Olson, by the Slinde Family

In memory of Evelyn Edgecumbe’s birthday,
by the Hanson and Ostlund Families

In loving memory of Richard Calvin Marshall on our anniversary,
by Marcia Marshall

In thanksgiving for Paul Youngdahl, Susan Hogan,
and Stephen Youngdahl, by Nancy, Kristi, Aaron, and Peter

In honor of all of the staff and volunteers who make C.O.P. happen,
by Richard and Meta Webb

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Grangaard

In celebration of Steve and Deb Kind’s August wedding anniversary

In celebration of the baptism of Madelyn Signe Stratmoen, by her family

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