



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles

August 10, 2025

Liturgist: Pastor Hammersten

The Prelude

He Leadeth Me

Gary Lanier

Julie Johnson, flute and Jordan Buchholtz, piano

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

434:1, 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

835:1

All creatures, worship God most high!

Sound ev’ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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, open our hearts to hear your word of love and grace that we may eagerly share it with others.

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

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

759:1, 2

My faith looks up to thee,

thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,

oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart

strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;

as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee

pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

The Scripture Reading

Lydia's Open Heart

Acts 16:11-15

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

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

The Unclouded Day

Julie Johnson, flute and Jordan Buchholtz, piano

Gary Lanier

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

I Love to Tell the Story

661:1, 2

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

The Sermon

Pastor Kalland

Lydia's Open Heart

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.

Charlotte Isla Callahan, daughter of Margaret and Brian

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

547:2

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

Grand Choer in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor
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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

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 Chuck Ingwalson on his second year of passing,
by Mara Ingwalson and family

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

In memory of Walter and Marguerite McIlonie, by the McIlonie Family

In loving memory of David Warner Nelson on his birthday,
by Mary Nelson and family

In memory of Fran Swanson, by Launa and Gary

In loving memory of Howard Wert, by Launa and Gary

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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