



MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

Against All Odds: The Acts of the Apostles

August 31, 2025

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

The Prelude

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius/Lanier

Dana Donnay, oboe and Miriam Jensen, piano

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

858:1, 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him,

for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,

joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

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

Come, Thou Almighty King

408:1

**Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

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 have promised that your Word will go forth unhindered. Grant us courage to witness to the Gospel in our words and deeds so that all may know of your love.

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

632:1, 2

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

The Scripture Reading

Paul Preaches in Rome

Acts 28:23-31

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

After they had fixed a day to meet him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, ‘Go to this people and say, you will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.’ Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.” He lived there for two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

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 Cieslik

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

Thomas Quigley

Dana Donnay, oboe and Miriam Jensen, piano

(please stand as you are able)

The Offertory Prayer

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

Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak

676:1, 4

**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show**

The Sermon

Pastor Cieslik

Paul Preaches in Rome

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.

Madelyn Signe Stratmoen, daughter of Jason and Kathleen

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

864:1

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.**

**Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

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

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David Johnson

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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