



**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

September 7, 2025

**Liturgists: 9am Pastor Olson Popp, 10am Pastor Cieslik,
11am Pastor Hammersten**

The Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Tim Zimmerman

brass ensemble, percussion, and organ

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

God of the Ages

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past,
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.**

**Refresh your people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace,
until at last we meet before your face.**

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

O God beyond All Praising

880:1

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

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, shape us into a community and congregation that declare your mighty acts by responding to your call to love one another. In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

631:1

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

The Scripture Reading

Living Stones

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

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

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Child of God

Mark Miller

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Patti Drennen

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

(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, Whose Love in Humble Service

712:4

**Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

The Sermon

Pastor Lose

Living Stones

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

836:3

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

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 Choeur in D Major Op. 18

Alexandre Guilmant

September Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Edward Bankey on the anniversary of his birthday, by Elvi Bankey

In memory of Lisbeth Bergman of Harmanger, Sweden, by Roxanne Steiner

In memory of Robert Beveroth on the anniversary of his 101st birthday month

In loving memory of Molly Bean Borgeson on her birthday, by her husband Dale and children Erin, Ruth, and John

In loving memory of Richard "Dick" Connell on his birthday, by Sandy Connell and family

In loving memory of Ron Erickson on his birthday, by Kris Erickson and his family

In memory of Blanche Fairman, by Deb and Greg

In loving memory of Ruth Jensen on her birthday, by her daughter, Sally Farnsworth and son, Bill Jensen

In loving memory of Carolyn Larson, by Wayne Larson

In loving memory of Jim Lerberg on his birthday, by Diane Lerberg

In memory of Judy Molldrem, by the Molldrem Family

In memory of Elaine C. Person on the anniversary of her birth, by her family

In memory of Kelly Phillips from the class of 2008, by the Hi-League Class of 2008

In loving memory of Clayton Unstad and Bob Larson, by Sandy McCalvy and Jan Unstad

In loving memory of Richard Westin on our 60th wedding anniversary, by Marlene Westin

In appreciation of the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Olson Popp

In honor of the marriage of Julia MacLean and Samuel Schneider, by Barry and Carla Becklin

**In celebration of the blessing of daughter Kaila Rae,
by John and Mary Jordan**

**In celebration of Blake Dianne Tichy's first birthday,
Love, Grama**

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