



Sunday Worship - Minneapolis Campus

September 28, 2025

Liturgist: Pastor Kalland

The Prelude

I Love to Tell the Story

Robert Hobby

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

631:1, 2, 4

**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.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

853:1

**When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

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, grant us the faith of Mordecai and the courage of Esther so that we are willing to risk ourselves for the wellbeing of those around us. In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Spirit Of God, Descend upon My Heart

800:4

**Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

The Scripture Reading

The Call of Esther

Esther 4:4-14

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

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach,

one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people. Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."

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 Stewardship Moment

Pastor Cieslik

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

Cathedral Choir - 9am

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Shawn Kirchner

Sanctuary Choir - 10 and 11am

Susan Steincross, piano

Claire Loudon, violin

Julian Malaby, string bass

(please stand as you are able)

The Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

885

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

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

696:1, 5

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

The Sermon

Pastor Olson Popp

The Call of Esther

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

632:6

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.**

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

IO God, Our Help in Ages Past

Michael Burkhardt

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, 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 appreciation of all the staff and volunteers who care for
our kids in Nursery, Sunday School, and Confirmation
classes, by Richard and Meta Webb**

**In honor of the marriage of Julia MacLean and Samuel
Schneider, by Barry and Carla Becklin**
**In celebration of our grandson Paul Timothy Boline on his
1st birthday, by his grandparents**
**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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