



**MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship  
Minneapolis Campus  
February 1, 2026**

**Liturgists:**

**9am Pastor Cieslik**

**10am Pastor Dixon**

**11am Pastor Hammersten**

# **The Prelude**

**Variations on “Lord of All Hopefulness”**

**John A. Behnke**

**(please stand when invited)**

## **The Processional Hymn**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**631:1, 3**

**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.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

# **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**

**My God, How Wonderful Thou Art 863:1, 5**

**My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!  
How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!**

**My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend!  
On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.**

# **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, thank you for sending Jesus to demonstrate your love for each of us and for all the world.**

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

**(please be seated)**

## **The Gradual 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 Scripture Reading**

**Nicodemus and the World's Most Famous Bible Verse**

**John 3, selected verses**

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

**Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God;**

**for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?” And then Jesus said, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”**

**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 Prayers of Remembrance**

**The Offertory Anthem**

**I Believe**

**Mark Miller**

**Cathedral Choir - 9am**

**God So Loved the World**

**John D. Horman**

**Chancel Choir - 10am**

**Claire Loudon, violin**

**God So Loved the World**

**John Stainer**

**Sanctuary Choir - 11am**

**(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**

**Day by Day**

**790:1**

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.**

**Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.**

**Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;**

**Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Olson Popp**

**Nicodemus and the World's Most  
Famous Bible Verse**

**(please stand as you are able)**

**The Closing Hymn**

**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**

## **The Prayer of Saint Francis**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

# **The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

**(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)**

# **The Postlude**

**Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise**

**Jason D. Payne**

# **February Altar Flower Dedications**

**In loving memory of Stan Carlson, by Rickie and family**

**In loving memory of Max Fairman, by his kids and grandkids**

**In memory of Michael Logan, by the Logan Family**

**In memory of Hayes S. McCallum on the anniversary of his  
birthday, by Marcia McCallum**

**In memory of Mary Outcalt, by Mary Schwarten**

**In honor of Lisa Warren, by her family**

**In appreciation of Pastor Lose**

**In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff**

**In celebration of the blessing of granddaughter Anya,  
by Nana and Papa**

**In celebration of Hayley Budde and Joey Trebil  
on their birthdays, by their godparents,  
Beth and Todd Klemmensen with love**

**In celebration of Annie Klemmensen on her birthday,  
by her parents, Beth and Todd, and her brother,  
Brady, with love**

**In celebration of Greg Trebil on his birthday,  
by Beth, Todd, Brady, and Annie Klemmensen with love**

**In celebration of Jeri Weber on her birthday,  
by everyone in the BIGFAM with love**

**If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund  
please contact Jody Barbee at [jbarbee@mtolivet.org](mailto:jbarbee@mtolivet.org) or  
952.767.1501.**

# **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 and Music Staff**

**Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and**

**Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs**

**Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist**

**Amanda Jenkins, Director of Chancel Choir**

**Shelley Ohnsorg, Chancel and Cathedral Choir Accompanist**

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