



**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

**Season of Easter
Why Write a Gospel?**

April 19, 2026

Liturgists:

**9 and 11am Pastor Cieslik
10am Pastor Olson Popp**

The Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Douglas Wagner

Handbell Choir

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

389:1, 3, 5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,

where color, scorn, or wealth divide,

Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,

and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring

good news to this and every age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring

with joy, with justice, 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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

886:1, 6

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

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 confidence
to claim you as our Lord, the Messiah and Son of God,
and so be drawn into your life and salvation.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

779:1, 2

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

The Scripture Reading

Why Write a Gospel?

John 20:30-31

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

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Hammersten

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Kevin McChesney

Handbell Choir

(please stand as you are able)

The Offertory Prayer

All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

O praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(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 Hammersten

Why Write a Gospel?

The Baptismal Service (held during the 11am 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.

Jonathan Alfred Rice

Morgan Alfred Rice, son of Kristina and Jonathan

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Thine is the Glory

376:1

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

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 Good Courage

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

Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"

Grimoaldo Macchia

April Altar Flower Dedications

**In memory of Marian Danielson on her birthday,
by her loving family**

**In loving memory of Larry Gustin on the second anniversary
of his passing, by wife Paulette Gustin, son Timothy and
Kate, grandchildren Flora and Theodore, son Todd and
Anne, and grandchildren Livia and Gianna**

**In loving memory of Hank and Agnes Ostlund,
by the Ostlund and Hanson Families**

**In memory of Eldon C. Person on the anniversary
of his birth, by his family**

In memory of Mary Williams, by Philip Williams and family

In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Hammersten

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

**In celebration of Maren Kind's baptism anniversary on
April 4, by Deb and Steve Kind**

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

**In honor and celebration of 60 years of happy marriage,
by Kristin and Mike Welbaum**

**In celebration of the birthdays of Shirley, Julie, and Jerry
Kvistberg, Joe Becker, and Jacquie Anderson, by Kristine
Becker and family**

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

**Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist and Director of
Handbell Choir**

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