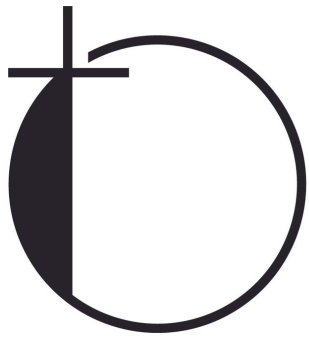




**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

Forgiveness

Forgiveness isn't about deserving.

August 2, 2026

Liturgists:

9am Pastor Grangaard

10am Pastor Hammersten

The Prelude

Prière

Camille Saint-Saëns

Diane Loudon, cello

Miriam Jensen, piano

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

834:1, 4

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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, surprise us again
by your determination not to wait for us to turn to you
but to come to us, always in mercy and grace.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

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 Scripture Reading

Prodigal, younger brother

Luke 15:11-24

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

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be

called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.”

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

The Gift of Love

Brant Adams

**Diane Loudon, cello
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

We Come to You for Healing Lord

617:1, 2

**We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.**

**As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow'r to heal again.**

The Sermon

Pastor Cieslik

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The Baptismal Service (held during the 10am 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.**

**Nash Parker Bates, son of Madeline and Christopher
Elin Aquinnah Newell, daughter of Britta and Ryan
Elsie Mae Newell, daughter of Britta and Ryan
Isla Penelope Newell, daughter of Britta and Ryan
Lily Evelyn Newell, daughter of Britta and Ryan**

(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 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

O God, Beyond All Praising

David Cherwein

August Altar Flower Dedications

**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 Frannie, by Launa and Gary

In loving memory of Howard, by Launa and Gary

**In honor of our parents Doris and Dick Heeb and Norm
Jorgensen, by Sherry and Brian Heeb**

In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Olson Popp

**In celebration of Steve and Deb Kind's 43rd wedding
anniversary**

**If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund
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