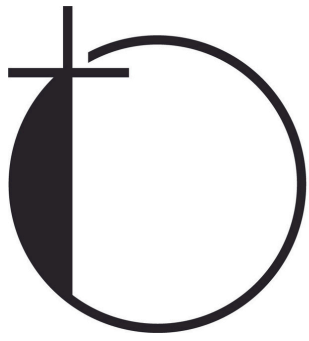




**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

Forgiveness
**Forgiveness can be hard
to accept.**

August 9, 2026

Liturgists:
9am Pastor Grangaard
10am Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Elegy

James Biery

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

434:1, 5

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**

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

Now Thank We All Our God

840:1

**Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

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, fill our hearts with
joy that we may celebrate that you love and forgive all
people. In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)**

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

759:1, 2

**My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

The Scripture Reading

Prodigal, elder son

Luke 15:25-32

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

“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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 Freeman

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Simple Song from Mass

Leonard Bernstein

Matthew Valverde, tenor

Miriam Jensen, piano

(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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.**

**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.**

The Sermon

Pastor Freeman

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(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

547:2

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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

Trumpet Tune

Harald Rohlig

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
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In appreciation of Pastor Olson Popp

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