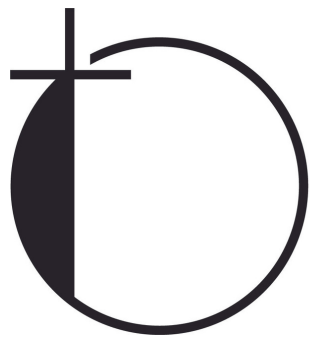




**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is always available.

August 16, 2026

Liturgist: Pastor MacLean

The Prelude

Clair de lune

Louis Vierne

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

392:1, 2

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev'ry nation

has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him

when the forty days were o'er,

shall our hearts forget his promise:

“I am with you evermore”?

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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

712:1

**Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

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, anchor us in the
knowledge that your deepest desire is to love and
forgive us so that we will love and forgive others.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing and remain standing)

The Scripture Reading

Last Supper

Matthew 26:20-29

Glory to you, O Lord. (please sing)

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.” While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

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 Grangaard

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

Sullivan Ojala-Helmbolt, bass

Jordan Buchholtz, 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

Break Now the Bread of Life

515:1

**Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

The Sermon

Pastor Grangaard

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(please stand as you are able)

The Words of Institution

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.

(please be seated)

The Distribution of Elements

Communion will be served by cup. Please follow the usher's directions to the altar communion rail. Both white grape juice and red wine are available as well as gluten free wafers. All are welcome.

The Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

461:1, 3

**All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

The Communion Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Dan Forrest

Sullivan Ojala-Helmbolt, bass

Jordan Buchholtz, piano

(please stand as you are able)

The Communion Blessing

The Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life, and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

Hymne au soleil

Louis Vierne

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 for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Olson

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