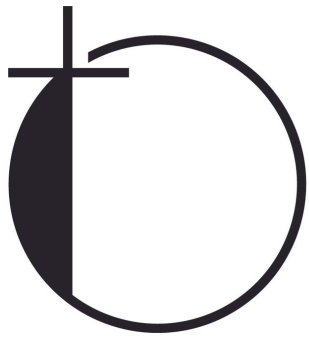




**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

Forgiveness
**Forgiveness is a gift,
not a command.**

August 30, 2026

Liturgists:
9am Pastor Grangaard
10am Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Oboe Sonata, 2nd movement

Camille Saint-Saëns

Dana Donnay, oboe

Jordan Buchholtz, piano

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

858:1, 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him,

for he is your health and salvation!

**Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath,

come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

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

Come, Thou Almighty King

408:1

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

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, open our hearts to
your acceptance and grace so that we might become the
people you desire us to be.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

632:1, 2

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

The Scripture Reading

A Woman Forgiven

Luke 7:36-50

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

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but

from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.” Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” But he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace

Kurt Bestor

**Dana Donnay, oboe
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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

742:1, 2

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

**We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

The Sermon

Pastor Olson

Forgiveness changes you.

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Jesus, Still Lead On

624:4

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.**

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 Breve

Neil Harmon

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,
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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

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