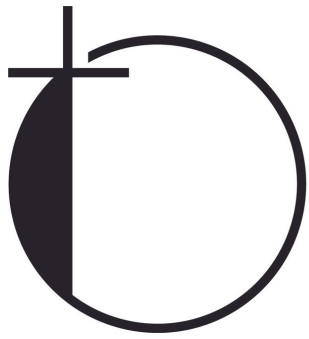




**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

Forgiveness

**Forgiveness is an essential
part of our everyday lives.**

September 6, 2026

Liturgist: Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Jon Reuss/Paul Manz

(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

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

318:1

**Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally.**

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, comfort us in the
promise that you meet us in grace, mercy, and
forgiveness every day of our lives.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Day by Day

790:1

**Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.**

**Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.**

**Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;**

**Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

The Scripture Reading

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:21-33

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

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to

him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’”

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 Kalland

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

The Garden Song

Diane Tuiofu

Elena Stabile, soprano

Miriam Jensen, piano

Charles Gibb, flute

(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

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

676:1, 3

**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, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

The Sermon

Pastor Kalland

**Forgiveness is an essential part
of our everyday lives.**

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

537:1

**On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?
On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

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

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

September Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Ronald Erickson, by Kristine Erickson

**In loving memory of Blanche Fairman,
by her children and grandchildren**

**In loving memory of our mother,
by Sally Farnsworth and Bill Jensen**

**In loving memory of Laura Kingbay on her birthday,
by Carol Kuhl and family**

**In loving memory of our fathers whose birthdays were this
month, Wayne Kirmis and Walter Steffen,
by Denise and Bob Kirmis**

**In loving memory of Jim and Myrlene LeGros on their 70th
wedding anniversary, by their grandchildren**

Claire and Henry Stracke, and James and Jack Kalmon

**In loving memory of Jim Lerberg on his birthday,
by Diane Lerberg**

**In memory of Elaine C. Person,
on the anniversary of her birth, by her family**

In memory of Kelly Phillips, by the Hi-League class of 2008

**In loving memory of Clayton Unstad and Robert Larson,
by Sandy McCalvy and Jan Unstad**

In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Pastor Grangaard

**In celebration of Blake's 2nd birthday, September 15, and
Luciana's 1st birthday, September 25,
by Gaga with much love**

September Altar Flower Dedications

**In celebration of Les and Dawn Dahlberg's 52nd
wedding anniversary**

**In celebration of Colby Croix Dietrich's baptism on
September 27, 2026**

**In celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary,
by Joan Gunderson for her husband Dan**

**In celebration of the blessing of daughter Kaila,
by Mom and Dad**

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