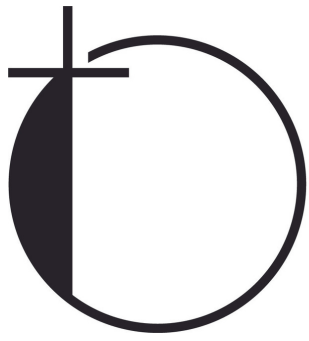




**MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship  
Minneapolis Campus**

**Love in Action**

**September 13, 2026**

**Liturgists:**

**9am Pastor Cieslik**

**10am Pastor Grangaard**

**11am Pastor Olson**

# **The Prelude**

**Flourishes**

**Carlyle Sharpe**

**brass ensemble, percussion, and organ**

**(please stand when invited)**

## **The Processional Hymn**

**God of the Ages**

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past,  
in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,  
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.**

**Refresh your people on their toilsome way,  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace,  
until at last we meet before your face.**

## **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**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**858:1**

**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!**

# **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, immerse us in your  
love so that we might more easily love one another and  
have our joy made complete.**

**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**

**1 John 4:7-12; 3:11, 16-18**

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

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.**

**And so this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech alone but in action and truth.**

**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 Lose**

**The Prayers of Remembrance**

# **The Offertory Anthem**

**Psalm 139**

**Allen Pote**

**Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am**

**Forevermore**

**Dan Forrest**

**Sanctuary Choir - 11am**

**(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**

**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 Sermon**

**Pastor Lose**

### **Love in Action**

**(please stand as you are able)**

## **The Closing Hymn**

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**836:3**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**

# **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 on “Hyfrydol”**

**David Lasky**

# **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**

**If you would like to donate to the Mount Olivet Flower Fund  
please contact Jody Barbee at [jbarbee@mtolivet.org](mailto:jbarbee@mtolivet.org) or  
952.767.1501.**

# **Pastors**

**David J. Lose, Senior Pastor**

**Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten, Mark J. Dixon,**

**Rebecca W. Freeman, Benjamin M. Cieslik,**

**Jeni F. Grangaard, Jenna L. Olson**

## **Worship and Music Staff**

**Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and**

**Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs**

**Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist**

**Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist**

**Jeff Nordquist and Takako Senn, trumpet**

**Kristen Haug, French horn**

**Scott Agster and John Tranter, trombone**

**Robert Adney, percussion**

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