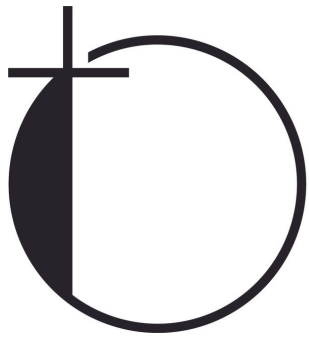




**MOUNT OLIVET  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship  
Minneapolis Campus**

**Love in Action**

**September 20, 2026**

**Liturgists:**

**9am Pastor Grangaard**

**10am Pastor Cieslik**

**11am Pastor Kalland**

# **The Prelude**

**My Jesus I Love Thee**  
**(please stand when invited)**

**Josh Ring**

# **The Processional Hymn**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**631:1, 2, 4**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit  
into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

# **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, My Soul, the God of Heaven**

**864:1**

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.**

**Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!**

# **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, when we see people in need, help us to see you, so that in helping them we are blessed to be in your presence.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)**

**(please be seated)**

## **The Gradual Hymn**

**Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue**

**644:1, 2**

**Although I speak with angel's tongue,  
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,  
but have no love, my gifts are vain  
as clanging gong or blaring brass.**

**For love is patient, love is kind,  
and never vain with boasting pride;  
love bears all things, all things endures.  
All things must end; love will abide.**

# **The Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

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

**And Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the**

**eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**

**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 Stewardship Moment      Jamie Dolynchuk**  
**President, Community Emergency Service (CES)**

## **The Prayers of Remembrance**

# **The Offertory Anthem**

**How Great Thou Art**

**Dan Forrest**

**Sanctuary Choir - 9 and 10am**

**Beside a Stream of Living Water**

**Thomas Keesecker**

**Minneapolis and West Campus Cathedral Choirs - 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**

**O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate**

**722:4**

**O Love that made the distant stars,  
yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross  
embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church  
that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up to you,  
a sacrifice of praise!**

**The Sermon**

**Pastor Lose**

## **Seeing God in Our Neighbors**

### **The Baptismal Service** (held during the 11am service)

The following will be named a child of God and receive the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation in Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Hallie Mae Gahn, daughter of Samantha and Marcus

Summer Susan Gahn, daughter of Samantha and Marcus

(please stand as you are able)

### **The Closing Hymn**

#### **We Are One in the Spirit**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored  
and they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our 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**

**Jesus Loves Me**

**Jason D. Payne**

# **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 Carolyn and Becky Larson,  
by Wayne Larson**

**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**

# **September Altar Flower Dedications**

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

**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**

**Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist**

**Beverly Claflin and Samantha Hickox-Young,**

**Directors of Cathedral Choir**

**Brian Ohnsorg, Assistant Director of Sanctuary Choir**

**Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist**

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