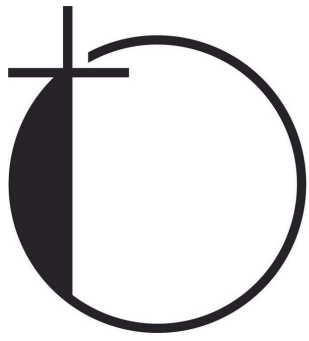




**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

Love in Action

September 27, 2026

Liturgists:

9am Pastor Kalland

10am Pastor Olson

11am Pastor Hammersten

The Prelude

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Marianne Kim

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

705:1, 2, 4

**God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.**

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 the Lord! O Heavens

823:1

**Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.**

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, remind us that you
made us to be in community, always working for the
good of our neighbors as they work for our good.**

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.**

**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.**

The Scripture Reading

Mark 2:1-12

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

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." And he stood up, and immediately took

the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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 Cieslik

The Stewardship Moment

Mia Lam

Junior, Southwest High School

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Seek Ye First

Lafferty/Wagner

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

The Meditations of My Heart

Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

(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

676:4

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

The Sermon

Pastor Cieslik

Faithful Friends

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.**

**Colby Croix Dietrich, daughter of Britney and Andrew
Islay Jeanette Perrin, daughter of Erianna and Joseph
Finn Edward Swanson, son of Elsa and Gunnar**

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit

**All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
who is God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one,
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

They'll Know We Are Christians

Lyndell Leatherman

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 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

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Beverly Claflin, Director of Worship and Music and

Director of Cathedral and Sanctuary Choirs

Jordan Buchholtz, Principal Organist

Shelley Ohnsorg, Cathedral Choir Accompanist

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