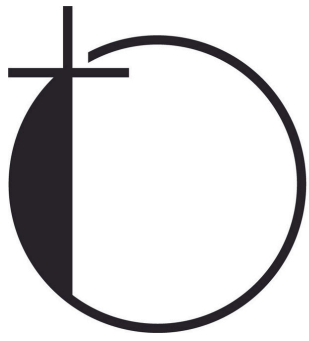




**MOUNT OLIVET
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship
Minneapolis Campus**

**Monarchy
Saul Chosen to be King
October 11, 2026**

Liturgist: Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Lord of All Hopefulness

Ian Higginson

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

597:1, 2

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

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 Mental Health Litany

Pastor: Gracious and loving God, today we pray for those who live with the pain of mental illness, the challenge of stigma, and the fear of exclusion, we ask that you...

Congregation: bring healing, bring hope, bring peace.

Pastor: For those who suffer from the highs and lows of severe mood swings, for those tormented by self-criticism, and for those who cannot escape regret or resentment, we ask that you...

Congregation: bring healing, bring hope, bring peace.

Pastor: For those caught in the grip of depression, anxiety, or feelings of inadequacy, and for those who struggle with despair and suicidal thoughts, we ask that you...

Congregation: bring healing, bring hope, bring peace.

Pastor: Uphold with your spirit the families and friends who provide care; guide the hearts and minds of therapists, physicians, psychiatrists, and those who research treatments; help all of us to be instruments of understanding, compassion, and care, that together we may extend your love and acceptance to all who struggle.

Congregation: God of grace, hear our prayer, draw us closer to you and to each other. Help us move beyond fear to hope in the light of your unconditional love. Amen.

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, anchor us in your acceptance of us just as we are, and grant us courage to give and receive support when we need it.

In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

We Come to You for Healing Lord

617:1, 5

**We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.**

**We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain.**

The Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 9:1-2, 15-17, 10:1a

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

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel. He had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the Israelites more handsome than he; he stood head and shoulders above everyone else. Now Lord said to Samuel: “Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be ruler over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines, for I have seen the suffering of my people, because their outcry has come to me.” When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you. He it is who shall rule over my people.” Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him; he said, “The Lord has anointed you ruler over his people Israel. You shall reign over the people of the Lord, and you will save them from the hand of their enemies all around.”

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 Anthem (11am only)

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

Amanda Jenkins, soprano, and Jordan Buchholtz, piano

The Welcome

Pastor Hammersten

The Hymn of Praise (9 and 10am only)

Thy Holy Wings

613:1

**Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.**

The Anthem (9 and 10am only)

Tell the Good News About Jesus

Bailey/Mayo

Hosanna Choir

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Child of God

Mark Miller

Cathedral Choir - 9 and 10am

Come Ye Disconsolate

David Rasbach

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

773:1, 3

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

The Sermon

Pastor Hammersten

Saul Chosen to be King

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.

Marcie Josephine Berg, daughter of Sarah and Tyler
Jamie Sword Farnen, son of Kylie and Jack

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

843:1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

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

How Firm a Foundation

Mark Hayes/Douglas Wagner

October Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Tom Anderson, by Gwen Anderson Ludwig

In loving memory of my wife Donna Daniel on our

63rd wedding anniversary, by Doug Daniel and family

In loving memory of Carolyn and Becky Larson, by Wayne Larson

In loving memory of Tom Olson, by Betty Olson and family

In memory of our mother Earline T. Walker on the

anniversary of her birthday, by her children, Marcia and Ken

In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In appreciation of Theresa Latini's work and leadership at

the Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center

In celebration of the blessing of grandsons Jack and Henry,

by Nana and Papa

In celebration of Jerry Weber on his birthday, by the BIGFAM

In celebration of Elizabeth Matvick on her birthday and

memorializing Brett Shelstad on his 1st heavenly birthday,

by their family

In celebration of the birthdays of Christy Hanson and

Debbie Danich, by their mom, Sandy McCalvy

In celebration of Marcie Josephine Berg's baptism on

October 11, 2026, by Mimi with much love

In celebration of Jack Stanley Carlson's baptism,

by Aunties and Uncles

In celebration of Allie and Rob's wedding on October 24

In celebration of Rick and Gail Jones's 30th

wedding anniversary

In celebration of Don Laufenburger on his 80th birthday,

by his family

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