MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

Minneapolis Campus

Monarchy

The Prophet Nathan Confronts the King

November 8, 2026

Liturgists:

9am Pastor Kalland

10am Pastor Cieslik

11am Pastor Cieslik

The Prelude

Partita on "Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand"

Wayne Wold

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty **533:1, 2, 5**

Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. (please sing)

The Order for Confession and 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. (please sing)

The Hymn of Praise

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art **863:1, 4**

My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
in depths of burning light!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

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, help us to see the people around as your gifts to us that we should honor, respect, and care for. And when we fail to do so, remind us of your gift of forgiveness.
In Jesus' name, Amen. (please sing)

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer **618:1**

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

The Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 12:1-9

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

The Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled

against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.” Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.”

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)

Then Sings My Soul — **Mary McDonald**

Chris Staebell, mezzo-soprano

Jordan Buchholtz, piano

The Welcome — Pastor Hammersten

The Hymn (9 and 10am only)

This is My Father's World **824:1, 2**

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

The Prayers of Remembrance

The Offertory Anthem

Come with a Grateful Heart **Bailey/Mayo**

Chapel Choir - 9 and 10am

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God **Victor Johnson**

Sanctuary Choir - 11am

(please stand as you are able)

The Offertory Prayer

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence;
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation;
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

(please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound **779:1, 4**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

The Sermon — Pastor Hammersten

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(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Hymn

Remember and Rejoice — **454:1, 4**

Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.

God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.

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

Choral Improvisation on "Now Thank We All"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

November Altar Flower Dedications

In loving memory of Stan Carlson, by Rickie and family

In loving memory of Kathy Hubbard on our 58th wedding anniversary, by Jack Hubbard

In loving memory of John (Jerry) Johnson on his 87th birthday, by Judy Johnson

In loving memory and thanksgiving for Bertil and Vera Johnson, by Dee and Courtney Henderson

In memory of Rick Moore, by Jan Unstad

In memory of Jacob Michael Nelson, by Mike and Jan Nelson

In memory of Forrest and Marion Schoeller, by the Kimball Family

In loving memory of my father, Gordon Strom, by Kristine Erickson

In honor of Stan Carlson, by Lisa Carlson

In honor of Veterans Day

In appreciation for the Mount Olivet Pastoral staff

In thanksgiving for the Cathedral Choir and Dr. Claflin, by Carol Skaar

In celebration of Alex Budde on his birthday, by the Klemmensen Family

In celebration of the anniversary of Quinn's baptism, by Pat and Jenna Anderson

In celebration of Colton Hannula's baptism, by John and Pam Humphrey

In celebration of Tom and Judith's 50th wedding anniversary, by Elizabeth and Adam Dunlap

November Altar Flower Dedications

In celebration of Leah and Andrew Young's first wedding anniversary, by their families, with much love

In celebration of the birthdays of Dawn and Genevieve

In celebration of the birthday of the United States Marine Corps

In celebration of Beth Klemmensen's birthday, by the Big Fam, with love

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

Brian Ohnsorg, Assistant Director of Sanctuary Choir

Rachel Wixson, Director of Chapel Choir

Susan Steincross, Children's Choir Accompanist

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