

The Morning Worship

Liturgists

9:00am *Pastor Hammersten*

10:00am *Pastor Ruud*

11:00am *Pastor Hammersten*

12noon *Pastor Helgen*

The Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* - Aaron David Miller

The Processional Hymn

(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

God of our fathers, 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Litany of Gratitude & Giving

Pastor: The Lord God created us to be in relationship with each other, supporting each other through care and generosity.

Congregation: Weave us together into a tapestry of love, O God, that we may share joyfully with others what you have given us.

Pastor: We have been called to share your word with future generations, so that they, too, will know of your love and your blessings.

Congregation: Weave us together into a tapestry of love, O God, on this day when our fourth and fifth graders will receive their Bibles, so that they can learn your stories and hear your wisdom as they grow into the future of this congregation.

The Stewardship Hymn of Praise - - - - - 836:3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring 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 Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*

Pastor and Congregation:

Dear God, thank you for your Word that teaches us the most important things cannot be bought but only shared. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**
(Please sing)

(Please be seated)

The First Reading - - - - - 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (page 942)

Paul charges his congregation to give generously from a thankful heart.

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - 661:1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - Mark 10:17-27 (page 822)

A man asks Jesus what it takes to enter heaven and is disappointed by Jesus' answer.

(After the reading, please sing)

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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

The Offertory

9:00 and 10:00 *Child of God* - - - - - Mark Miller
Cathedral Choir

11:00 and 12:00 *Children of the Heavenly Father* - - - - René Clausen
Senior Choir

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - 686:1, 4

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

The Sermon Pastor Lose

"Tough Love, Greater Joy!"

The Presentation of Bibles

(held during the 12noon service - please see insert)

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 694:1

Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

The Lord's Prayer - - - - - Page 112

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(The congregation is asked to pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - J. Christopher Pardini

Please be so kind as to leave your bulletin at the end of the pew
or place in the recycle bin as you leave. Thank you.

Director of Worship & Music, Beverly Claflin
Principal Organist, Richard Owen
Director of Senior & Cathedral Choirs, Beverly Claflin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence. If you have any questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, please come to the Information Desk in the Narthex. Large print bulletins and hearing devices available at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of Kelly Phillips, given by the Bevis, Norlin-Weaver, and Peterson families.

The flowers by the pulpit are in loving memory of Edwin and Edna Wolfe and Howard Kreger and in celebration of the birthdays of Wayne Kreger, Beulah Kreger, and Jean Wallner.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Christopher Curry on the anniversary of his birthday, given by Cate, Rowan, Aidan, and Bronach Curry.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in loving memory of Ruth Jensen on the anniversary of her birthday, given by her daughter, Sally Farnsworth.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in loving memory of Benjamin Blat on the anniversary of his birthday, given by his parents, Jean and Alan Blat.

The flowers on the altar in the Serley Chapel are in loving memory of Clayton Unstad and Bob Larson, given by Sandy McCalvy and Jan Unstad.

The flowers on the altar in the Youngdahl Chapel are in memory and love of Bev Stark by her husband, Lanny, her children and sisters and their families.

Next Sunday - Gratitude Sunday!

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Guest preacher, Dr. Timothy Wengert (see insert), will be preaching on, "A Glass of Cool, Clear Water." Senior, Cathedral, Chapel, and Hosanna Choirs will be singing, and a brass ensemble (that includes Pastors Helgen and Ruud!) will play the prelude. Please bring your completed 2019 pledge as we all give thanks for and share the many blessings God has given us.

Holy Communion will be observed at 8:30am and following the 12noon service. At 9, 10, and 11am, there will be Sunday School for three-year-olds through 6th graders and nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years-old. At 9 and 10am, there will be Choir Sunday School.

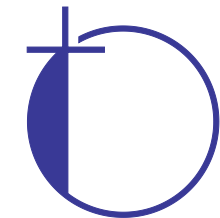
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THE SERVICE

**The Eighteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
September 23, 2018**



**MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS**

**BELIEVING....
BELONGING....
BECOMING....**

**Believing in Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Belonging to the community of Jesus Christ.
Becoming like Jesus Christ through servanthood.**

PASTORS

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