

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe Street ✠ Sylvania, Ohio 43560

April 19, 2026 ✠ 9 a.m.

**An asterisk indicates portions of our liturgy where you are welcome to stand.*

GATHERING

**WELCOME AND
PRELUDE**

Here I Am, Lord
David Schutte & Sandra Eithun

Rejoice Handbell Choir

***GREETING AND SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KIDS OF THE KIN(G)DOM

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

This Is the Feast

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Duane Abbott

Let us pray (*brief silence*). God who calls us into service, transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-19a

Heidi Lohrmann

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is

an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) Jeannine Grimm

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Will You Come and Follow Me

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***NICENE CREED**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

MEAL

**OFFERING AND
MUSICAL OFFERING**

Revive Us Again
Larry Shackley

Olivet Choir
Keith Hamen and Sarah Lewis, piano

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Gather our gifts for your glory, and nourish us in this meal, so that your goodness and mercy follow us and bless the world you so love. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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***LORD'S PRAYER**

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WELCOME TO THE TABLE

**SONGS DURING
COMMUNION**

*Lamb of God
Let Us Break Bread Together*

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TABLE PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal, you have made your home among us, and you make all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

SENDING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

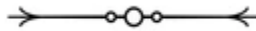
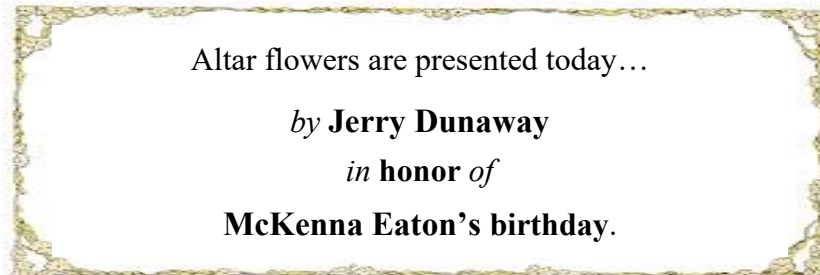
*You'll Never Walk Alone
(with Climb Ev'ry Mountain)*
Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II

Olivet Choir

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Tell the good news!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.



Rev. Melissa Micham, Lead Pastor
Rebecca Cress, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
Sarah Lewis, Accompanist/Organist
Carol Miller, Handbell Choir Director
Steve Hodge, Olivet Choir Director
Greeters: John and Judy Gonia
Acolytes: Josie Billau, Emma Houghtaling
Altar Guild: Jen Darm, Linda Hoetzl
Livestream/Sound Technician: Matt Olrich
Nursery Attendants: Eden Pollard
Ushers: John Gonia, Bruce Bischoff, Frank Shuff,
Stan & Marilyn Mackhosky, Mike Coy