

Olivet Lutheran Church

5840 Monroe Street ✠ Sylvania, Ohio 43560

September 6, 2026 ✠ 10 a.m.

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

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Arr. Joel Raney

Handbell Quartet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mishkan T'filah (Jewish Prayer Book)

May the door of this assembly be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love,
all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this assembly be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness, and harshness.

May this assembly be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

Let us worship God!

*GREETING & 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

Bob Mens

Let us pray (*brief silence*). Merciful God, you see each of us, wholly and completely. Through your son, you established the treasure that we are to you, apart from what we have acquired or built in that through suffering love our Lord rejected the death-dealing ways that were dominant and instead brought among us your kingdom's truth and life. Inspire us by your Spirit to rise above the superficial and temporary to see and pursue that which is enduring and truly sustainable. All God's people say.....**Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

EXODUS 20:17 (Common English Bible)

Barb Myers

Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's house. Do not desire and try to take your neighbor's wife,

male or female servant, ox, donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” [Jesus] said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“See Your Neighbor”

Pastor Bill Pavuk

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Give Me Jesus

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING &
MUSICAL OFFERING**

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another
Pepper Choplin

Olivet Choir

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept our first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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***LORD’S PRAYER**

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WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

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If with All Your Hearts
Felix Mendelssohn

Seth Johnson

TABLE BLESSING

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

*BENEDICTION

The Holy Three, the Holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Christ, Be Our Light

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*DISMISSAL

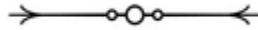
Go in peace. Care for creation!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Christ, Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell



Rev. Melissa Micham Lead Pastor | Pastor of Congregational Life

Rev. Bill Pavuk Associate Pastor | Pastor of Community Life

Rebecca Cress | Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Sarah Lewis | Accompanist/Organist

Carol Miller, Handbell Choir Director

Steve Hodge, Olivet Choir Director

Greeters: Gary & Penny Moran

Acolytes: Greta Pomrenke

Altar Guild: Linda Hoetzel, Sally Woodard

Livestream/Sound Technician: Susan Santoro

Nursery Attendants: Skyler Fields

Ushers: John Gonia, Bruce Bishoff, Frank Shuff, Stan & Marilyn Machosky, Mike Coy

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This Month in Prayer (September): Those Facing Illness or Recovery

Gracious Lord, we lift up every member of our congregation who is navigating illness, recovering from injury, or healing after surgery—trusting that You are the Great Physician who meets us in our most vulnerable moments. Grant them patience in the slow work of healing, peace that surpasses understanding when fear and uncertainty arise, and the comfort of knowing they are held in Your loving hands and carried in the prayers of this community. May each day bring renewed strength and hope. In Your name we pray, Amen.

For those hospitalized or anticipating tests:

For those rejoicing:

For those grieving: Max & Linda Hoetzel, Bill & Nancy Hamilton and Larry Sass at the death of their sister, Jan Sass on Aug. 22.

For members who have requested prayers because of illness or recovery from injury or surgery: Chuck Cook, Heidi Lohrmann, Linda Lewin, Sue Hamen, Mike Vince, Donna Reynolds, Doug Lyon, JoAnn Bell, Jim Rentner, Terry Meyer, Joyce Barger, Wesley Frazier, Martha Kupsky, Kelly Cipiti, Steve Hodge, Mary Glover, Brian Hart, Eric Adams, Pastor Nate Tuff & Kim Nielsen.

For those in assisted living, extended care, or rehabilitation: Naomi Loose and Pat & Bob Sheets at Otterbein Sunset Village; Doris Fry and Arlene Holtfreter at Oakleaf Village; Fred Heintz at The Waterford at Levis Commons; Billie Iles at Mill Manor, Vermillion, OH; Mae Kyser at Genacross, Wolf Creek Campus; Marjorie Lay at The Lakes of Sylvania; Matthew Wesley at Northwest Ohio Developmental Center.

For members at home in our care: Bonnie Ahrendt, Mary Carl, Hilda Hawk, Betty Moore, Marcia Morrison, Larry Sass, Marv Stephenson, Marge Warnock.

Family & friends for whom prayers have been requested: Angie O'brien, Walt Lewin, Beccy Lamley, Anna Dykstra-Smith, Claude Cecire, Brian Hyland, Susan Mann, Judi Brooker, Mark Glodowski, Bob Damman, Marie Hoetzel, Craig Timm, Maureen Venus, James LaPlant, Tom Evans, Barb & Bob W., Sara & Chris, Jan Kistner, Ukrainian people & leaders, the family of Rita Kerstiens, Scott Reynolds, Heather Taberner, Garrett.

For those in the military: Christopher Adams, Kurt Budde, Tanner Eggers, Jacob Gritzmeyer, Jarrod Konz, Jeremy Reynolds, Sarah Reynolds, Michaela Reynolds.

For our bishops: Northwestern Ohio Synod Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and ELCA Bishop Yehiel Curry.

For Olivet's local mission partners and international missionaries: Salem Lutheran Church; Redeemer Lutheran Church; Rev. Dr. David (and Alicia) Brondos of Augsburg Theological Seminary in Mexico City.

For Olivet's companion churches: Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania & our companion congregation, Lwihomelo; Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Vojvodina, Serbia; Iglesia Luterana Mexicana (Mexican Lutheran Church).