

OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 18, 2026 | 9 a.m.

Please silence or turn off your cell phone before worship begins.

**Please stand as you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an asterisk.*

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & PRELUDE

Living Hope
Linda Lamb

Jubilee Handbell Choir

*GREETING & SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KIDS OF THE KIN(G)DOM

*KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

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*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Fred Sandmann

Let us pray. God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

JOSHUA 24:1-18, 25-28

John Gonia

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders of Israel, its leaders, judges, and officers. They presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to the entire people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors lived on the other side of the Euphrates. They served other gods. Among them was Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor. I took Abraham your ancestor from the other side of the Euphrates. I led him around through the whole land of Canaan. I added to his descendants and gave him Isaac. To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Mount Seir to Esau to take over. But Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt.

“Then I sent Moses and Aaron. I plagued Egypt with what I did to them. After that I brought you out. I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. The Egyptians chased your ancestors with chariots and horses to the Reed Sea. Then they cried for help to the LORD. So he set darkness between you and the Egyptians. He brought the sea down on them, and it covered them. With your own eyes you saw what I did to the Egyptians. You lived in the desert for a long time.

“Then I brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They attacked you, but I gave them into your power, and you took over their land. I wiped them out before you. Then Moab’s King Balak, Zippor’s son, set out to attack Israel. He summoned Balaam, Beor’s son, to curse you. But I wasn’t willing to listen to Balaam, so he actually blessed you. I rescued you from his power.

“Then you crossed over the Jordan. You came to Jericho, and the citizens of Jericho attacked you. They were Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites, and Jebusites. But I gave them into your power. I sent the hornet before you. It drove them out before you and did the same to the kings of the Amorites. It wasn’t your sword or bow that did this. I gave you land on which you hadn’t toiled and cities that you hadn’t built. You settled in them and are enjoying produce from vineyards and olive groves that you didn’t plant.

“So now, revere the LORD. Serve him honestly and faithfully. Put aside the gods that your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates and in Egypt and serve the LORD. But if it seems wrong in your opinion to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Choose the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But my family and I will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “God forbid that we ever leave the LORD to serve other gods! The LORD is our God. He is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. He has done these mighty signs in our sight. He has protected us the whole way we’ve gone and in all the nations through which we’ve passed. The LORD has driven out all the nations before us, including the Amorites who lived in the land. We, too, will serve the LORD because he is our God.”

On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people and established just rule for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in God’s Instruction scroll. Then he took a large stone and put it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD. Joshua said to all the people, “This stone will serve here as a witness against us, because it has heard all the LORD’s words that he spoke to us. It will serve as a witness against you in case you aren’t true to your God.” Then Joshua sent the people away to each one’s legacy.

Holy wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONAlleluia***p. 188*****GOSPEL: Matthew 4:8-10**

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

Then the devil brought [Jesus] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. [The devil] said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan! It is written, *You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa Micham

HYMN OF THE DAYWhen Our Song Says Peace***# 709*****APOSTLES' CREED****p. 105****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.****MEAL****God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.****OFFERING &
MUSICAL OFFERING***Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*
Arr. Howard Helvey

Olivet Choir

GREAT THANKSGIVING*p. 190*****LORD'S PRAYER****p. 191****WELCOME TO THE TABLE***All are welcome at our Lord's table.***COMMUNION SONGS***Lamb of God*
*One Bread, One Body***p. 191**
496**TABLE PRAYER**

Merciful God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with abundant love. By your Spirit, send us from this table as living signs of your liberation and healing, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

CONCERNS OF THE PARISH

***SENDING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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***DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Greeters: Ric & Deb Shock

Acolytes: Hayes Moran, Greta Pomrenke

Altar Guild: Linda Hoetzi, Donna Reynolds

Livestream/Sound Technician: Judy Gonia

Ushers: Matt Olrich, Bob Mens, Gary Moran, Marvin Micham



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