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† **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD** †  
**10:45AM, Sunday, April 4, 2021**

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**WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We are honored to have you in worship with us today and pray God’s blessings on your worship. If this is your first visit to Mount Olive, we hope your worship with us is a blessing and you find friendship and peace in this place. During this difficult time, we want to assure you that Mount Olive is taking all necessary precautions sanitizing our worship space, assuring social distancing, and safely preparing the sacrament. We hope to see you again and are happy to help in any way if you do not currently have a church home or are looking for one. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. We thank you for silencing your cell phones as you enter the sanctuary today.



**AS WE GATHER**

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of “first importance.” If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus’ resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

You are invited to commune with us by joining in confessing our faith in Christ and His real presence in the Sacrament. We affirm the presence in the Sacrament of Christ’s true body and blood “through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins.” During this time of precautions, we will utilize a communion practice called “continuous communion” in which no other human hands will be touching the wafer or the wine. Pastor Jason and the ushers will guide you through the process. If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Zobel before communing.

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**WELCOME**

**PROCESSIONAL SONG**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*LSB 457*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:

C **have mercy on us.**

- P Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:
- C **have mercy on us.**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:
- C **have mercy on us.**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:
- C **have mercy on us.**
- P Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who have not seen and yet believed:
- C **have mercy on us.**
- P By Your suffering and dying:
- C **deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.**
- P By Your glorious resurrection:
- C **deliver us from this body of death.**
- P By the majesty of Your risen body:
- C **deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.**
- P Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.
- C **Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.
- C **Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### INTROIT

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18 ; antiphon v. 1b*

- P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- C The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.**
- P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- C You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**
- P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

## SONG OF PRAISE

“This is Amazing Grace”

## SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

*Back of Bulletin*

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

*Back of Bulletin*

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 16:1-8*

*Back of Bulletin*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.**
- (After the reading)
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SONG OF THE DAY

“Revelation Song”

## SERMON *No Stone Could Hold Jesus In!*

## APSTOTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Gracious Father, help us believe that because Jesus lives, we, too, are made alive by faith and shall live with Him eternally.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Give Your blessing to Your Church and to her ministers, that we be called to faith and repentance, rejoice in Your merciful goodness, and be kept in the faith through the Means of Grace until the day when we are raised to everlasting life with Christ.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Give courage and discernment to the missionaries far and near and to those planting new congregations that they abound in the hope of the resurrection and that those who hear this Gospel be granted the Holy Spirit and faith.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Consider those whose lives are burdened by afflictions of the body, mind, or spirit, and who seek Your healing and strength. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and sustain them in faith until their troubles and trials give way to the blessings of the resurrection and eternal life. Hear us especially for names and those named in our hearts.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Hear Your people on behalf of our nation and all our leaders, on behalf of all peoples and nations, for peace, justice, and freedom, and for the will to work together to relieve suffering and deliver the oppressed.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

**P** Guide us in the good use of the time, skills, abilities, and resources You provide so that we may support those in our care and serve the poor and those in need with the treasures of the Kingdom. Accept from our lips the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and from our hands the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart.

**C Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

- P Remembering those who came to the tomb in sorrow and returned to their homes with the fear of the Lord in their hearts, receive our thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us. Give Your comfort to those who grieve the loss of those they love, *especially...* and bring us with them into Your nearer presence, where sorrow and tears are no more.
- C **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## OFFERING

*We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.*

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- C **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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG**

“Death Was Arrested”

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

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## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Preacher	Rev. Jason Zobel, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Olive Branch, LOGOS, Campanis Oliva, Christus Choir, Mount Olive Brass
Ensemble	Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Carl Koehler
Lector	Carl Koehler
Usher Team	Matt Dierks
Sound Booth	James Fenske
Altar Guild (April)	Jeanne Kral

Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 4

Office Hours: 9am-3pm (M-F)  
office@molc.us (608) 238-5656  
Emergencies: (608) 228-4134 (Pastor)

## Weekly Calendar

April 5-9

**Monday (4/6)**

6:30pm Men at Work

**Tuesday (4/6)**

Spring Election

9am-2pm Communion

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal

7pm Finance Committee Meeting

**Wednesday (4/7)**

10am Today's Light Bible Study

5:30pm LOGOS

**Saturday (4/10)**

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

**Sunday (4/11)**

8am Divine Worship†

9am Fellowship Hour

9:30am Education Hour

10:30am Divine Worship†

† Communion offered

\* Available on Facebook Live also

## Prayer Requests

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## This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett, Gerald Frazier, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Dave Kral, The family of Ron Belshaw

## This Week's News

**Weekly Attendance:** Sun, March 28- 54/62

**Bible Reading Challenge:** Pastor Mark is challenging the congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in One Year! It began on June 1, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021. Here are the daily readings for this week: **April 5:** Luke 22, John 13-14, **April 6:** John 15-17, Matthew 27, **April 7:** Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18 **April 8:** John 19, Matthew 28, Mark 16, **April 9:** Luke 24, John 20-21, Acts 1, **April 10:** Acts 2-4, **April 11:** Acts 5-7. A list of the April readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

**Mount Olive Lutheran School Fall Registration:** Mount Olive Lutheran School is now enrolling for the 2021/2022 school year! For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the office at [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us)!

**Mount Olive Lutheran School Open House:** Mark your calendars! Mount Olive Lutheran School will be hosting an open house Sunday April 11 3:00-5:00PM. Please grab some flyers at the Welcome Center to hand out! T-shirts are also available for sale!

**COVID-19 Assistance:** If you are considered "at risk" and would like assistance getting groceries or with other errands, please contact the office. Our food pantry is also available to you during office hours.

**Women's Spring Fling:** Save the Date! Saturday, **May 1, 2021**

**9:30 AM to 11:00 AM** Women of all ages are invited along with your lady friends and family members. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the welcome center soon.

**Thank You From the Red Cross:** Thank you for another fantastic blood drive on 3/24/21! Your commitment in hosting blood drives with the American Red Cross truly makes a difference! As many as 99 lives may be saved by this drive alone! 33 total units were collected. Thank you for supporting the Red Cross and for all those who depend on blood products.

**Sunday Bulletins/Recordings:** If you or someone you know is "shut in" and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

**Share-a-Thon:** Think of this event as functioning much like a garage sale, but with NO money being exchanged! Donated items (from our congregation...or friends of members) will be available to anyone, for FREE in the Madison-area community! This event is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be held at One City Schools.

**Items Needed:** clean clothing of all sizes for men, women, and children, household items, toys, kitchen wares, smaller furniture pieces (that can be easily moved by one person).

**Items Not Accepted:** NO electronics of any kind (TVs, computers, microwaves, air conditioners or dehumidifiers), NO infant furniture (including cribs, car seats, strollers, hi-chairs, changing tables, swings, bouncers and walker/jumpers) NO mattresses or box springs, NO paint, chemicals or other hazardous materials, and NO recalled products.

**MOLC Foundation Scholarships:** The Foundation is currently welcoming applications for grants and Christian college scholarships. Information about eligibility and application forms are available at the Foundation's link on the Mount Olive website <https://molc.us/foundation>. **Please note that the grant application form is different from the scholarship form.** Grant applications are for financial support in the areas for expanding mission and evangelism efforts, religious education of our members, or charitable work and causes. Christian college scholarships help to offset tuition expenses. Please submit your application to the Foundation President, Chuck Jaskowiak **by March 31st** at [foundation@molc.us](mailto:foundation@molc.us) or place it in the Foundation's mailbox in the Church office.

**SWD Student Financial Aid:** Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM) and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District - LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from SWD. For more information, visit [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org) – under Resources. The deadline is May 15.

**Sunday Bulletins/Recordings:** If you or someone you know is “shut in” and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

**Community Impact Teams:** Board of Christian Outreach is thrilled to announce the concept of MOLC Community Impact teams! This is a new and exciting way for Mount Olive members to “live out the love of Jesus” in the Madison area community in a service-oriented way. To find out more about these new amazing service opportunities, read about it in the TW@MOLC email, which can also be found on our Mount Olive website!

## Stewardship Corner

““Now on the first day of the week ...”.” (John 20:1)

All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new. He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, and a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our Risen Lord's grace. Especially after the sort of year we've had since last Easter. It's sure good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh.

## Just a Note

**Card Shop:** Easter cards still on display and soon to follow will be Confirmation and Graduation cards. Please continue to self-serve during Covid distance time. All greeting cards are 75 cents each and all profits go to Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are located in the Library next to the Nursery. Thanks for your continued support for these missions.

**Altar Flowers:** If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at [altarflowers@molc.us](mailto:altarflowers@molc.us) or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online [molc.us/connect](http://molc.us/connect). Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

**Holy Communion:** If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up **Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm, Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm.** Contact the office at [office@molc.us](mailto:office@molc.us) or (608) 238-5656, and Luke will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

## Our Staff

Rev. Jason Zobel, *Senior Pastor*  
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In memory of Mark Austin  
In memory of loved ones in heaven  
In memory of Russ's mother, Hallie Black  
In celebration of our risen Lord and Savior  
In memory of Cindy Gaston, Carson Lau, and Jane Gaston  
In celebration of glories yet to come when we see Jesus face to face!  
In loving memory of grandparents  
In memory of Mt Olive members who have gone before us  
In memory of Joshua Molter  
In celebration of our Savior's gift of eternal life and our church community. In memory of our Grandmothers, Roslie Probasco and Elena Fernandez.

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In memory of Joy Rainbow and Marvin Miller  
In memory of their mothers  
In celebration of spring  
In celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus  
In memory of their parents

In memory of her dad Joe Goettsch and her uncle, Rod Luedtke  
In memory of parents and grandparents  
In celebration of their new grandson, Garrett Kenneth Zobel

