

HE IS RISEN!



Mount  Olive  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 4 6:30AM



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† **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD** †  
**6:30AM, Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE, LSB pg. 151**

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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**

Hail Thee Festival Day! We begin outside – gathering around the large cross. Bring your worship bulletin and a small candle. Small candles are lighted following the outdoor portion of the service. Tip small candle to the Paschal Candle as the procession forms in the Narthex. A new fire lights our spirits to embrace the joy of the Resurrection. God has raised our Savior, Jesus from the dead. Salvation unto us is come. Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed!

**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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**INVOCATION/OPENING SENTENCES**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**  
P Beloved in the Lord, Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life – Alleluia! We are gathered here in the early morning to rejoice and celebrate the Easter Feast of Salvation. This

is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

## COLLECT

P O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light 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.** *[The cross is traced on the paschal candle.]*

## BLESSING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,  
*[The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.]*

P the Alpha and the Omega.

*[The year is traced on the paschal candle.]*

P His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

*[Five nails are traced on the paschal candle.]*

P By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*[The paschal candle is lit.]*

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

## COLLECT

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this morning in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*[All light their candles from the paschal candle and form a procession in the Narthex. The bearer of the paschal candle stops at the entrance to the nave.]*

## LUX CHRISTI

P The light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*[The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the nave.]*

P The light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*[When all have processed, the bearer of the paschal candle lifts the paschal candle high.]*

P The light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EXSULTET

P Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet

of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

*[As altar candles are lit from paschal candle and the nave is lighted, all extinguish their candles.]*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## OPENING HYMN

“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

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P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**
- 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.
- C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

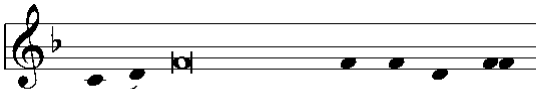
### INTROIT

*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 in- | to the sea.
- C **The LORD is my strength | and my song,\* and he has become my sal- | vation.**
- 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 ho- | ly 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 es- | tablished.\*  
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 be- | ginning,\* 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 in- | to the sea.

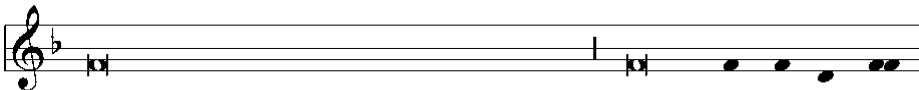
### KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



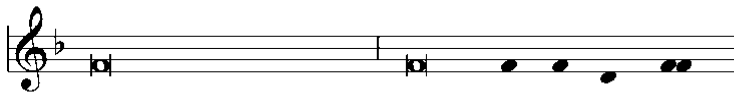
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



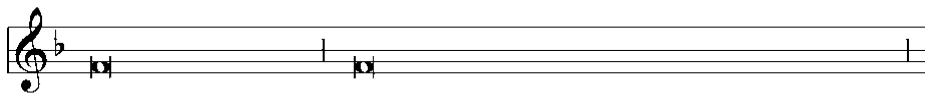
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



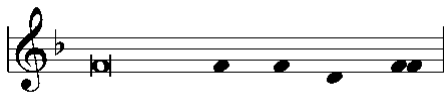
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



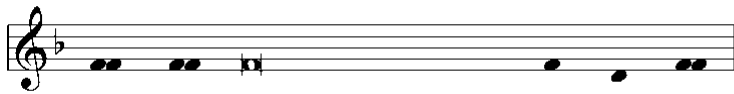
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

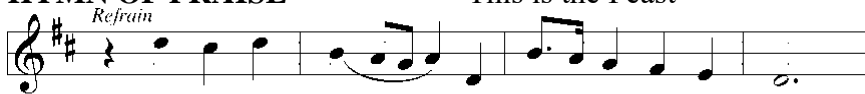


**C** A - men.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

*LSB pg. 151*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 15:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. <sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. <sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. <sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup>The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ <sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup>“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? <sup>7</sup>Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

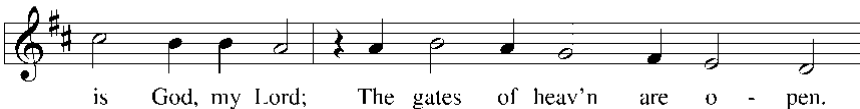
C **Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLIMATION “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

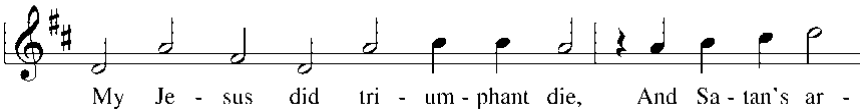
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He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on,

O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,

Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 20:1-18*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twnetieth chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup>And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done *LSB 464*”

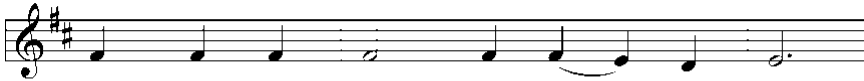
*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done;  
2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor’s tri - umph won;  
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
The bars from heav’n’s high por - tals fell.  
From death’s dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

## SERMON

*Easter Begins in the Dark*

## APOSTLES’ 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: That the Church would live out its calling and that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ be joyfully celebrated in all places, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the nations of the world find peace with justice in our time, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the abiding blessing of God rest upon our families, our neighborhoods, our places of business, and our schools, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That those whose confession of the true faith leads to bodily peril or other sufferings know relief and deliverance from every danger, let us pray of the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That all whose labor adds meaning and beauty to the life of the Church—the musicians, artists, craft workers, flower arrangers, and others—find joy and blessing in all that they do to the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That all those whose lives know specific challenges, including those who are ill and those who mourn, *including . . .* know heavenly benediction and strength for each day, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the memory of the faithful departed be held in reverence and honor by all of us as we await a time of resurrection and reunion at the close of the age, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** These things and all else that we should have asked on this day of holy rejoicing, grant to us, Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

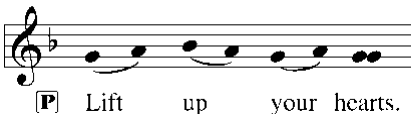
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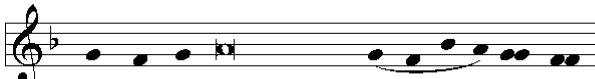
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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### PREFACE





**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



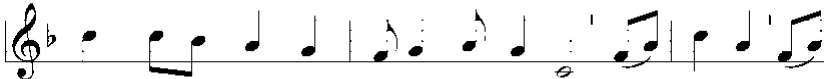
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### 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.**

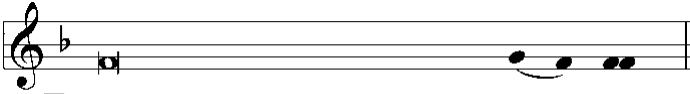
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### 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

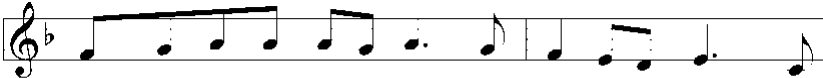


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

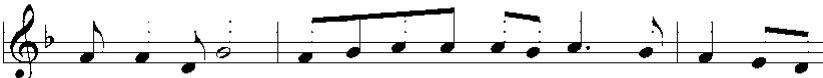


**C** A - men.

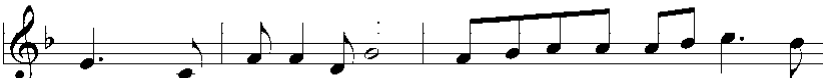
### AGNUS DEI



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “At The Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (Next page) *LSB 633*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthral;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



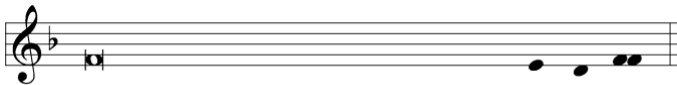
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia Hearts To Heaven”

LSB 477



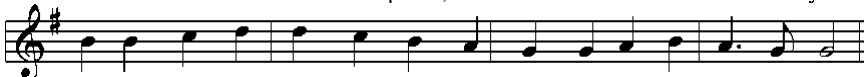
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

## POSTLUDE

“Song of Triumph”

David Payton

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Sunday, April 4

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## 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.

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**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.

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