

HE IS RISEN!

Easter Celebration Service
Sunday, April 12, 9:00am

Mount  Olive
LUTHERAN CHURCH

† **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD** †

9:00AM, Sunday, April 12, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The spring of souls. The queen of seasons. The royal feast of feasts. With those colorful phrases the ancient writer John of Damascus, who lived in the eighth century, described Easter Day in a classic hymn text. The Feast of the Resurrection and its importance is difficult to put into words. Everything has been done: Christ has come and has established His kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. His saving work is accomplished—and we are the beneficiaries! The action word “go” is central for us this day, as we go in to meet our Lord in worship and go out to share the message of the empty tomb and of the risen Christ, our Lord!

ANTHEM “He’s Alive” ...Don Francisco *sung by Pastor Jason*

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!
 Δ 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!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Ps. 118:24; Mt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6, adapted*

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

P This is the day that the Lord has made;
 C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
 P Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!
 C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**
 P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
 C **He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.
 O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
 C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
 P We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.
 C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
 P We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
 C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**
 P We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends and beyond.
 C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**
 P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.
 C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord.**
 P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**
 P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.
 C **Amen.**
 P Christ is risen!
 C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

HYMN "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
 P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
 P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
 C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, i'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:1-6*

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”² Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.⁶ For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 16*

P Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

C **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.” As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

P The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

C **The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.**

P The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C **I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.**

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:1-4*

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P In today’s Gospel, we hear the command of the angel to the women as they visited the empty tomb: “Go quickly and tell.” The powerful message of the resurrection is of first importance. The women responded, leaving the garden tomb with fear and great joy. They ran to tell the disciples! Today we share the experience of those first witnesses of the resurrection and by God’s grace we meet our Lord here through the eyes of faith.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1-10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Because He Lives”

Verse 1

I believe in the Son,
I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood.

Chorus

Amen, amen.
I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.
Amen, amen.
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name.
He rolled the stone away. (Chorus)

Bridge

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life,
My future in His hand. (Chorus)

Ending

Because He lives.

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SERMON *He's Alive!!*

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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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sheep May Safely Graze" BMV 208 ...J.S. Bach

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 HYMN "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven"

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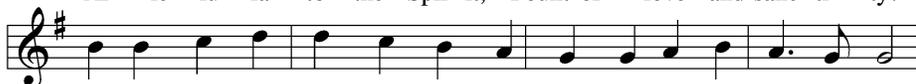
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



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!

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Announcements for April 12, 2020

We Pray for the family of Allan Houser, who passed away last week.

We Pray for. . . Joe Aamot, Dick Mulcahey. Char Ford.

Pick Up Your Easter Flowers!

For those of you that were Easter flower sponsors (thank you!): If you would like to pick up your flowers this week, contact the office at (608) 238-5656 or office@molc.us to set up a time to come in and pick them up. Thank you for helping us adorn the altar in celebration of our Risen Lord despite not being able to gather in person.

An Appreciation Message from the American Red Cross

We are so very grateful to all those who donated (including 12 Mount Olive members) and for those volunteers that helped to make this drive possible given the challenges the Coronavirus has brought with it. The drive had 49 donors and 50 total units were collected. What an absolutely phenomenal presentation of donors—**217% to goal!** That is simply amazing. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and patience during uncertain times to help patients in need!! As many as **150** lives will have been helped by the Mount Olive Blood Drive!

Assistance During COVID-19

If anyone you know at Mount Olive is in a situation where they would prefer or need to have someone run errands, shop, etc.. (so as not to risk their own health), please contact the church office at (608) 238-5656 or office@molc.us and let us know how we can help. According to the CDC, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Food Pantry

During COVID-19 with our closed doors, our food pantry is not as accessible as it was before. If you or anyone you know needs non-perishable items from our pantry, please contact the office to set up a time to come in to utilize our food pantry. A schedule may be set in the coming weeks.

Walking in the Light Podcast

Check out Pastor Mark's bi-weekly devotional podcast "Walking in the Light" on our website at www.molc.us/devotions. A new episode will be posted on Tuesday and Thursday each week!

Midday Meditations From Mount Olive

Despite these concerning and uncertain times, thankfully, the Music At Mount Olive staff continues our efforts to bring our family of faith musical blessings and offerings. Despite the inability to congregate, we have been and will continue to do all we can to present and highlight the musical life of our blessed parish. Midday Meditations From Mount Olive will feature varied musical selections being presented by members of our musical family here at Mount Olive. These selections can be accessed via our [Music At Mount Olive Facebook page](#), or our [NEW Music At Mount Olive YouTube Channel!](#) (For easy access: Mount Olive Facebook page @mountolivemadison has us listed under "LIKED" pages and the Mount Olive YouTube Channel has us listed under their "subscriptions"). Submissions will be posted **every Monday at NOON** and will be available thereafter for your viewing pleasure. We sincerely hope these musical meditations will serve as a devotional highlight as we continue to do our very best to bring you music of the highest caliber which we've come to know and praise at Mount Olive. I welcome you to enjoy and spread these presentations to all whom you feel would appreciate and benefit from our heartfelt gifts. Also, should you wish to participate musically, I encourage you to do so by recording your performance of a work and submit it to be featured. The grace of the Spirit through our musical efforts continues to bless us in ways unforeseen, and it brings us all great joy to be blessed by the participation of all who would like. Thank you for taking the time to see how Music At Mount Olive continues to thrive and thank you for all you do in ensuring we continue. I wish you all nothing but the very best of all good things, and God's perfect love - always.

Free Online Resources Available – Concordia Publishing House

Concordia Publishing House has made a bunch of online resources available for FREE during COVID-19, including Portals of Prayer and Today's Light Bible Study. For our members that pick up the Portals of Prayer and participate in the Today's Light Bible Study, this may be of interest during this quarantine period. Visit www.cph.org.

Bible Verse Signs

What can I do while social distancing? Mark 16:15 - Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:20 - Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. SIGNS!!! That is our answer!

The Board of Outreach would like to encourage and challenge you to be creative! Post a sign in the back window of your vehicle or front window of your house. Pick a quote(s), put it on paper/cardboard so that it's big enough for people to read, and display it. Get your kids, grab your chalk and start writing on your driveway or sidewalk. Let's spread the good news of our Lord to our neighbors, co-workers, friends and family! Ideas: TRUST IN THE LORD & STAY HEALTHY FRIENDS or PEACE BE WITH YOU or come up with your own special quote! You can even #mountolivemadison or #mountolive, take a picture of your sign and post it to Facebook or Instagram tagging @mountolivemadison! Let's go spread the good news!

Finding Peace in Marriage Webinar

You are invited to join Ambassadors of Reconciliation for a FREE webinar, **every Tuesday beginning Tue, Apr 12 at 9:00am**. The webinar will last for 6 weeks. If you can't meet at that time, register now and receive links to watch the recorded sessions at your convenience. Sign up at:

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"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)