



† THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER †
9:00AM, Sunday, April 26, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The seven Sundays of Easter celebrate the greatest of all victories—the defeat of sin, death, and the devil by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The theme of victory fills each of the Sundays of Easter and radiates out the joy of the first Easter morning week by week. One Easter hymnwriter exhorts: “Let hymns of praise His triumph tell” (LSB 464:3). There is so much to be sung and to be told about the victory of Jesus, our Lord—and we are the ones gifted with the opportunity to do the singing and the telling in our generation.

PRELUDE “Quiétude Celeste” ...Jean-Paul Verpeaux

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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 *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6, adapted*

- P Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
 C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**
 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 confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
 C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our creator and preserver, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are stained by sin from our very beginnings. We have sinned again and again in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves and have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for all of our many sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true**

faithfulness. Grant us victory over all that oppresses us, and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P In His boundless mercy, God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him for restoration and renewal. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, and grant you a life on earth in which you tell of His greatness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

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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.**



1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
 2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,
 3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.
 And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.
 His name should nev - er - more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:
 But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris - tian dies
 But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.
 We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!
 His Word en - dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 116:1-14

P I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

C **Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

C **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.**

P The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.

C **Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

P For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

C **I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

P I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";

C **I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."**

P What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

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

1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY “In the Breaking of the Bread”

Verse 1

In the walking on the road we saw Him.
In the telling of our hopes, we saw him.
In the burning of our hearts, we saw the Lord.
At the meal he took the bread
And then he blessed it, broke it, offered it.
In the breaking of the bread we saw him!
Suddenly our eyes were opened,
And we knew He was alive!

Verse 2

We set out to find his friends to tell them.
We went to Jerusalem to tell them;
And with joy we told them "we have seen the Lord!"
And as we were speaking there
He stood among us, blessed us, said to us,
"Now my peace I leave with you".
We saw Him! Suddenly our eyes were opened,
And we knew He was alive

Verse 3

But then we became afraid without Him,
In the darkened room we stayed without him,
Waiting for the one he said that he would send.
Then the Spirit of the Lord
Came down upon us, filling us, changing us.
Giving us the strength to say "we saw him!"
Suddenly our eyes were opened,
And we knew he was alive!

Verse 4

We ran out into the street to tell them,
Everyone that we could meet to tell them,
"God has raised him up and we have seen the Lord!"
We took bread as he had done
And then we blessed it, broke it, offered it.
In the breaking of the bread, we saw him!
Suddenly our eyes were opened!
There within our midst was Jesus,
And we knew he was alive!
In the breaking of the bread,
He is here with us again,
And we know he is alive! Alleluia!

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SERMON *A Special Stranger*

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. We pray for the whole Church, that the message of salvation joyfully be told throughout all the world and the Easter victory of Jesus Christ be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the nations of the world, that the governments of all nations be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms be hindered. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for ourselves in this season of our Lord's great victory, that we truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially for those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police, fire, and emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, including. . . those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are not known to us at this time. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they have a sense of victory in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. On this day we remember those no longer among us on earth who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we rejoice together eternally at Your Table and in Your mansions. Lord in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

OFFERING

We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 7797.

OFFERTORY SONG

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Glory! Glory! This I sing
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
All my praise for this I bring
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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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

“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”

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1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through -



emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:



Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -



clipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

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POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “At the Name of Jesus”

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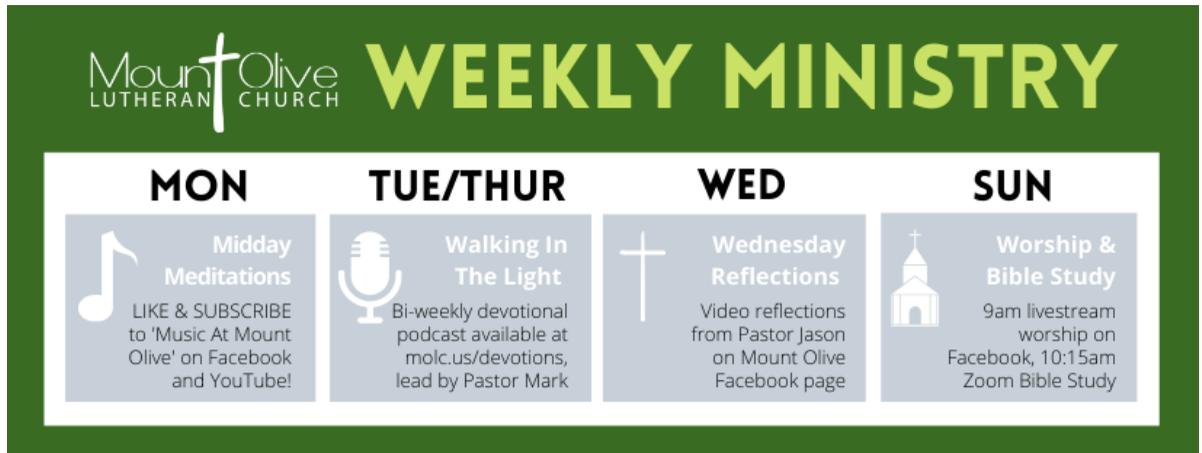
SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher Rev. Jason Zobel, Senior Pastor
Music Ray Calderon, Director of Music
Rebecca Zobel, vocals

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Announcements for April 26, 2020



The graphic features a green background with the church logo and the title 'WEEKLY MINISTRY' in large, bold, light green letters. Below this, a white box contains four columns representing different days of the week, each with an icon and text describing the ministry activity.

MON	TUE/THUR	WED	SUN
 <p>Midday Meditations LIKE & SUBSCRIBE to 'Music At Mount Olive' on Facebook and YouTube!</p>	 <p>Walking In The Light Bi-weekly devotional podcast available at molc.us/devotions, lead by Pastor Mark</p>	 <p>Wednesday Reflections Video reflections from Pastor Jason on Mount Olive Facebook page</p>	 <p>Worship & Bible Study 9am livestream worship on Facebook, 10:15am Zoom Bible Study</p>

We Pray for. . . Joe Aamot, Dick Mulcahey. Linda Krueger.

Order Pentecost Geraniums!

It is time to place orders for Pentecost Geraniums! Sadly, the #StayAtHome order has extended through May, so you will have to enjoy them virtually as you did with the Easter flowers. To place an order, contact Denise Sliter at denise.sliter@yahoo.com or (608) 354-7244. Geraniums are \$5.99 each, which you can pay by check (made out to Mount Olive Lutheran Church) or electronically – at pushpay.com/g/mountolive-lutheran?src=hpp or on our church app (search for “Mount Olive LC” in AppStore or Google Play). Contact Denise to let her know your dedication - in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of, etc...

Pick Up Your Easter Flowers!

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!

Virtual Sunday Bible Study

Mount Olive has resumed its Sunday Bible Studies virtually via Zoom **every Sunday at 10:15am** (following 9am livestream worship). Every Friday, we will email you with the “meeting” link, ID, and password that you will need to attend the Bible study. You can subscribe to this list at the bottom of our home page at molc.us. We are continuing the series around Community, with this week’s title being “Church, Family, and the World”. A PDF is available on our home page as well.

Leadership Spots Still Open!

The Nominating Committee is still in search of willing Mount Olive members who would be interested in serving as a director/member on a Mount Olive board for the 2020-22 term. If you are interested in serving at this capacity, contact Bill Skiera at bskierawis@gmail.com.

Mount Olive Foundation Donates to Youth!

The MOLC Foundation is pleased to announce that a Grant for \$1000 has been awarded to the Youth Ministry Board for the 2020 mission trip. Due to the COVID-19 shut down, the youth were unable to host the annual Easter morning breakfast, which is a significant fundraiser for their mission work. We are hopeful that conditions improve so that this important mission work goes forward in July.

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.

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!

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.