



† THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †
9:00AM, Sunday, May 3, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The closing prayer of the funeral service begins with these words: "Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home." Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words "I am the Good Shepherd" more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.

PRELUDE "Lord of all Gentleness" ...J. Carlton Drew

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

LSB 710

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff starts with a treble clef, the second with an alto clef, and the third with a bass clef. The lyrics are written below each staff.

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He
walk doth make With - in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol - low me; And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 95:1, 7*

P Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
C let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
P For He is our God,
C and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand!

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION. *Micah 6:6–8*

- P Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking forgiveness and amendment of our lives as we follow the Lord.
- C **With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?**
- P Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
- C **Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**
- P He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
- C **Almighty God, we confess that we are indeed sinful. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us because of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. Grant that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, we may follow where He leads until that time when we, by His grace, come to dwell in Your house forever.**
- P God has promised forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him for grace. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en—
 Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of
 what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
 weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
 rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 Give thanks, give thanks.

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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. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 23

- P The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**
- P He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- C **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- C **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

EPISTLE*1 Peter 2:19-25*

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.****HOLY GOSPEL***John 10:1-10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**LSB 709**

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

SERMON *Hearing The Voice Of The Good Shepherd*

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 through it the goodness of God be shared and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd's care for all of His sheep. Help us to meet the needs of those who travel with us through life as we are led by our Good Shepherd day by day. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe and that there be goodness and kindness among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P We pray for our families and everyone in them. Together help us to follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell together in love and unity. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness. Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
P With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Inspire us to pass throughout our earthly journeys with faith and hope as we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd and follow in His ways. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SONG "Psalm 23 (The Lord's My Shepherd)"

Verse 1

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Verse 2

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights
(Chorus)

Verse 3

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one

For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know
(Chorus)

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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 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

POSTLUDE Toccata in F major ...Johann Erasmus Kindermann

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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

Announcements for May 3, 2020



WEEKLY MINISTRY

MON



Midday Meditations

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TUE/THUR



Walking In The Light

Bi-weekly devotional podcast available at molc.us/devotions, lead by Pastor Mark

WED



Wednesday Reflections

Video reflections from Pastor Jason on Mount Olive Facebook page

SUN



Worship & Bible Study

9am livestream worship on Facebook, 10:15am Zoom Bible Study

We Pray for... Lisa Hammerly, Linda Krueger, Dick Mulcahey.
We Pray for the family of Dolores Schlaver, who passed away this week.

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, or message us on Facebook. **TODAY**, we begin a NEW Bible Study entitled "Prayer". A PDF is available on our home page for you to follow along.

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.

Men At Work Continues!

Our men's group – Men @ Work – meets the 1st Monday each month. **On May 4**, we will continue our study of the Parables of Jesus via ZOOM. We will begin **at 6:30pm** for study, discussion, prayer, and virtual fellowship. If you haven't been able to be involved in this group, you are encouraged to join us on May 4th. Email Pastor Mark at mbaldwin@molc.us for info.

Card Shop

While we are staying at home during this virus time, if you do come into the church and need some cards, please just "self-serve". We are putting the Easter cards away and putting out Confirmation, Graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day cards to be prepared for the other special occasions for May and June. All cards are 75 cents each, have a Bible verse, and all profits go to Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are in the Library, next to the Nursery. Contact the church office to set up a time to come in!

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.

Vacation Bible School

At this point in time, we will NOT be holding Vacation Bible School the week we had planned for in June. It may be moved to July or August, or there is the possibility we will have to cancel it for this year. We will reevaluate as May moves along. We pray that you are well and able to use this "stay at home" time to draw closer to family and closer to God, study his word, and be of help to those around us.

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.

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.

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