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† **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** †  
**8:00 & 10:30AM, Sunday, May 24, 2020**

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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 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 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.



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**AS WE GATHER**

Our Savior Jesus Christ told us He was going to His Father. The first disciples saw Him do this, actually leaving them and us behind, ascending through the clouds. But they and we are to know His "going" is not exactly His "leaving." For He has not left us alone as orphans. We are to know that His real presence with us is now not by sight but by faith through His Sacraments. It is His voice we hear from now on, saying, "I forgive you all your sins." By faith we know that Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are not primarily something we do only to remember Him but the Means by which He washes us and fills us now with His righteousness. Through it all, we are formed by His cross, enduring suffering for His sake with the great and sure hope that, in the end, we will be with Him forever.

**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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**PRELUDE** Melody of Military Hymns

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory  
Of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage  
Where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
Of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on

Ref Glory glory hallelujah  
Glory glory hallelujah  
Glory glory hallelujah  
His truth (our God) is marching on

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires  
Of a hundred circling camps  
They have builded Him an altar

In the evening dews and damps  
I can read His righteous sentence  
By the dim and flaring lamps  
His day is marching on

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet  
That shall never call retreat  
He is sifting out the hearts of men  
Before His judgment seat  
O be swift my soul to answer Him  
Be jubilant my feet  
Our God is marching on

4. In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea  
With a glory in His bosom  
That transfigures you and me  
As He died to make men holy  
Let us live to make men free  
While God is marching on

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (from *LSB* 482)

P This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow. Alleluia!  
Christ is risen!

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

P Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

C **Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!**

**We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### INTROIT *Psalm 100; 101:1*

P I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music.

C **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

P Know that the Lord, He is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

P For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations,

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music.

- 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

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

*Refrain*



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Acts 1:12-26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; “‘Let another take his office.’”

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11*

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 17:1-11*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own

presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

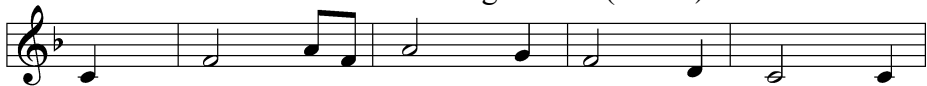
<sup>6</sup>“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup>For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Amazing Grace” (vs.1-5)

*LSB 744*



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

**SERMON** *A New Reality*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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. . . Almighty and merciful God, we give thanks for Your mercy, especially for the salvation You have prepared for the whole world through the suffering and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to walk by faith, enduring all

trials encountered because of that faith as we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray that You rule and govern Your Holy Church throughout the world, granting Your blessing to all You have called to preach Your Holy Word, in order that we be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, and that we bear witness to Your saving truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Give health, wisdom, and protection to all who are in authority of making, administering, and judging our laws in order that they rule according to Your goodwill and pleasure. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Give Your comfort to all who are in trouble, want, sickness, peril of death, or any other adversity. Grant courage and steadfastness especially to those who suffer for Your name's sake, that they receive and accept their afflictions in the confidence that You will acknowledge them as Your own. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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## **PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise that You called Abraham to be the servant of Your promise and our father in faith. We plead with Nicodemus to grant us Your grace that we be born anew in Baptism and inherit the Kingdom You have prepared for Your people. Guard our hearts against every pride and evil. Build within us the humility of faith, that we love You above all things and walk in Your ways faithfully to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN “America The Beautiful”

1. O beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain  
America America God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea
2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness  
America America God mend thine ev'ry flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self control  
Thy liberty in law
3. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life  
America America may God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And ev'ry gain divine
4. O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears  
America America God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea

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## POSTLUDE “A Mighty Fortress”/ “Taps”

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## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY (9:15AM)

We continue the Bible Study "Prayer" with the session entitled "Praying With Jesus" on page 16. Printouts are available at the entrance at church, and a PDF is available on our home page for you to follow along at home virtually. Every Friday, we will email you with the "meeting" link, ID, and password that you will need to attend the Bible study virtually. You can subscribe to this list at the bottom of our home page at molc.us, or message us on Facebook.

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## ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR

Anonymous, for everyone who has dedicated time and effort into safely reopening Mount Olive.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Jason Zobel, Senior Pastor
Music	Ray Calderon, Director of Music Rebecca Zobel, vocals (10:30AM)
Elder	Dave Gaston
Usher Team	Chuck Jaskowiak (8AM), Team 1 (10:30AM)
Altar Guild (May)	Mary Strohm

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