

EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE

In View of God's Mercy "Mercy in the Open Tomb"

Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Matthew 28:5-6

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever!

C Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

P Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

C Because he lives, we shall live also.

P The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C Because he lives, we shall live also.

P I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

P This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

LSB pg 171

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P On this day we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the grave. But we also remember why he went to the grave. We acknowledge that our sins were the reason for his suffering and

death. And so we confess those sins to God and seek his mercy.

C Most merciful God, it is our sins that put Jesus on the cross. It is because of our transgressions that his lifeless body was placed in the tomb. We confess our guilt and acknowledge the gravity of our sin. For the sake of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, forgive our iniquity and restore us in righteousness. Through the power of his resurrection enable us to walk in newness of life, to the glory of your holy name.

P We cry to you for mercy.

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

P Hear the good news! God's Word declares that Jesus "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and justifies you, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Gloria" from Deutsche Mess by Franz Schubert
Christus Choir

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Gracious Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, we do so in view of your mercy. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have defeated death and opened to us the way to everlasting life. We thank you that his victory over sin, death and hell is shared with us so that we become more than conquerors through him who loved us. In view of your mercy, form us by your Spirit to live as newborn children of God. We pray these things in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1-18

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. 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. The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. 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. 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.' You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. 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 established. The Lord will reign forever and ever."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen"

LSB 474, v. 1

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

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THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then 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.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

This is the Easter Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.’” (Matthew 28:10)

CHILDREN’S MUSICAL OFFERING “Lord I Lift Your Name On High”

Cherub Choir

SONG OF THE DAY

“Revelation Song”

THE EASTER MESSAGE

“Mercy in the Empty Tomb”

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

THE OFFERING

“Musette” J.S. Bach

Campanis Oliva

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Pastor will close each prayer with “Lord, in Your mercy,” the congregation will reply “**hear our prayer.**”.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“Death Was Arrested”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Our victorious Lord and Redeemer, we thank You for meeting us at Your Table and pouring out the forgiveness You have won for us in this Meal of Your body and blood. Strengthen and grow us in our faith. Empower us to serve You as we share the message of Your victory with our friends, family, and all whom we meet; for You

live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

THE BLESSING

P May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever (Hebrews 13:20-21).

C Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven” LSB 477

1 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
 Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
 For the world’s salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
 Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!
 Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow’rs of evil
 In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
 Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer,
 Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
 Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
 Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
 To the triune Majesty!

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus” from: Messiah

G. F. Handel

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Mark Baldwin, <i>Interim Pastor</i>
Music	Campanis Oliva, Cherub Choir, Christus Choir, Mount Olive Brass Ensemble Olive Branch, Ray Calderon, <i>Director of Music</i>
Elder	Carl Koehler
Lector	Connie LaRowe
Usher Team	Curt Casanova
Sound Booth	James Fenske
Altar Guild (April)	Gene & Gretchen Cropp & Jeanne Kral

Sunday, April 17

Office Hours: 9am–3pm (M-F)
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Emergencies: (608) 239-0406 (Pastor)

Weekly Calendar April 18-23

Monday (4/18)

9am Quilters
11:30am AJ Moll Funeral
6pm Executive Committee Meeting
7pm PPC Meeting

Tuesday (4/19)

5:45pm Fellowship Board Meeting

Wednesday (4/20)

View Articles Due

10am Today's Light Bible Study
3pm MOLC Staff Meeting
5pm LOGOS

Saturday (4/23)

7am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (4/24)

(Second Sunday of Easter)
8am Divine Worship* †
9am Coffee Hour
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Divine Worship* †

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests

Barb Koehler
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We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich & Nancy Bartlett, Mary Kolberg, Jim Bosco, Anna Bohrer (granddaughter of Pastor Mark & Marci Baldwin), Arthur Lewis Baldwin (Pastor Mark and Marci's newest grandson), Mary Goers, Mount Olive Lutheran School and Preschool, Mount Olive as we work through the Call process

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: April 10- 60 / 54

Women's Spring Fling: To women of all ages, you are invited to attend this years Women's Spring Fling on May 7 at 9 – 10:30 . There will be a breakfast, devotion, music and a small craft. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

View Submissions: Submissions for the View are due the 20th of each month. Articles must be typed AND submitted **on or before** the 20th. Thank you in advance for your submissions!

Call Committee Update: Good news! The Call Committee has received the slate of candidates from the South Wisconsin District office for consideration to extend a call. Copies of the Call List are located on the welcome desk and available for your review. We are excited to be at this point in our process and look forward to working to bring recommendations to the congregation in a call meeting. Date and time of that meeting will be determined in the near future, but we are hopeful to hold it prior to Memorial Day weekend. Please continue to pray for the Call Committee as we work through the review and interview process and pray for those candidates that have been submitted for consideration.

Serving Next Week:

Elder: Steve Nelson
Lectors: Connie LaRowe / Marge Bills
Usher Teams: Gene Cropp / Chuck Jaskowiak
First Reading: Acts 5:12-20
Epistle: Revelation 1:4-18
Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

International Pot Bless Lunch: Calvary Chapel will be hosting an International lunch Sunday May 8 at 12pm for anyone who would like to come. Bring a dish to share from your culture/country and we will all enjoy each others food heritage while we get to know some people.

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Church Pews: If anyone is interested in taking one of the old pews from the Sanctuary, please contact Lyle Christian, xian4202@yahoo.com

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

April 24: Elaine Neitzel
May 1: Confirmation Sunday
May 8: Mother's Day
May 15: Open
May 22: Open
May 29: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

April 24: Open
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Pledge Forms: Please be sure to drop off completed Sanctuary renovation pledge forms in the work room or mail in to the church office, ATTN Stewardship Board.

Mount Olive H2H (Homeless to Hopeful) Collection: Year-round donations of *travel-sized* hygiene supplies can be donated in the bin located on the floor inside the MOLC Food Pantry closet.

VBS Registration: Spring is here and that means that VBS is right around the corner! Please join us Monday June 13th - Thursday June 16th from 9am-12pm for a Monumental adventure through the southwest to explore God's awesomeness and form a rock-solid faith for the road of life. Registration is now open! vbspro.events/p/molc2022. We are also in need of volunteers! If you are available to help lead a group, prep crafts, decorations, or snacks in advance, or offer your time or talents in any other way, please click the registration link above, or reach out to Sarah Maleck, sarah.maleck@gmail.com. Thank you!

Pentecost Geraniums: Order forms for Pentecost Geraniums are available in the Narthex! Order forms are due by Sunday May 1!

Stewardship Corner

"He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." (Luke 24:6-7)

Jesus is risen. But is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and sisters, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed!

Just a Note

Card Shop: EASTER cards are featured and soon Confirmation and Graduation cards will also be on display. Come see the new Birthday and Sympathy cards that have recently arrived. Cards are still 75 cents each and all profits go to LWML. Keep self-serving and thanks for your patronage.

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us or at (608) 354-7244. Payment of \$35 can be made via check or pay online molc.us/connect. Please make sure to email or call, or your order may be missed!

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.

Holy Communion: If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up **Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm, Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm**. Contact the office at office@molc.us or (608) 238-5656, and the office will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

Our Staff

Rev. Mark Baldwin, *Interim Pastor*
Ray Calderon, *Director of Music*
Katie Mace, *Preschool Director*
Jess Koch, *MOLS Principal*

Cheryl Austin
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Lyle Christian
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Sharon Klawitter
Carl & Barb Koehler

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Jay & Sue Molter
Steve & Julie Nelson
Probasco family
Gary & Peggy Rainbow
Jerry & Holly Sander
Gene & Jo Schoohs
Bill & Kathy Skiera
Stuart & Denise Sliter

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Gary & Mary Strohm
Chuck & Diane Stumpf
Janelle Tonsager

Andrea Troia

Karen & Kiley Weigt
Carol White

In memory of Mark Austin
In honor of aunts, uncles, Dorothy, Jo, and
Harry Stoeber
In celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection
In celebration of our Risen Savior
In memory of Alberta M. Christian
In memory of Cindy Gaston, Carson Lau,
Jane Gaston
In memory of William & Nancy Spaltholz
In honor of my family
In memory of parents, Shirley & Gene, Irene
& John

In memory of Joshua Molter
In celebration of Steele Nelson's birth
In honor of Rosalie & William Probasco
In celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus!

In celebration of our family
Christ has Risen!
In memory of parents and sister, Clair &
Garnet Reid, Connie Reid, Betty Jean Sliter
In memory of our parents
Alleluia, He is Risen!
In celebration of our Risen Christ!
In memory of father, Arland (Joe) Goettsch
and grandparents Richard & Elizabeth
Goettsch, and Floyd & Irene Weatherly
In memory of Robert Troia, Robert Radtke,
Elizabeth Troia
In memory of Louis & Lillian Wunsch

Thank you to everyone who sponsors flowers! Please be sure to pick up your
flowers by Wednesday April 20!

