† THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER † 10:30AM, Sunday, May 8, 2022

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE!

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 friendship and peace in 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 not currently have a 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.

AS WE GATHER

Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

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 Mark 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 Baldwin before communing.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will; Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
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CALL TO WORSHIP

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

- **P** The LORD is my shepherd;
- **C** I shall not want.
- **P** For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
- **C** will be their shepherd,

Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17

- **P** and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
- **C** And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- **P** Lord, our God,
- C we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.
- P Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Jesus Paid It All"

PRAYER 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,
- **C** 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;
- P 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

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through

Acts 20:17–35

the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

John 10:22-30

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

"Lamb Of God"

LSB 550

- Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain
- ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died: The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side

To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain Text: Twila Paris, 1958 Text: © 1985 Straightway Music, admin. EMI. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005669

THE MESSAGE Confidence

John 10:22-30

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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 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 ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions. We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:
- **C** The LORD is my shepherd.
- ▶ We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:
- **C** I shall not want.
- **P** We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:

C He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

P We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God's will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:

C He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

- ▶ We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, *including*... asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:
- **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** We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:
- **C** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:
- **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. Amen.

OFFERING

We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977. Offerings can also be placed in the offering plates by the doors.

$\dagger SERVICE$ OF THE SACRAMENT \dagger

PREFACE

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

- 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.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

DISTRIBUTION SONG

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before 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!
- And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

C Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;

- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

THE BLESSING

- 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 SONG "For All The Faithful Women" (vs 1,3,4)

LSB 855

- For all the faithful women Who served in days of old, To You shall thanks be given; To all, their story told.
 They served with strength and gladness In tasks Your wisdom gave.
 To You their lives bore witness, Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.
- O God, for saints and servants, Those named and those unknown In whom through all the ages Your light of glory shone, We offer glad thanksgiving And fervent prayer we raise That, faithful in Your service, Our lives may sing Your praise.

 △ 4 All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son! All praise the Holy Spirit, Who binds the Church in one! With saints who went before us, With saints who witness still, We sing glad Alleluias And strive to do Your will.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

| Preacher | Rev. Mark Baldwin, Interim Pastor |
|-------------|--|
| Music | Olive Branch, Ray Calderon, Music Director |
| Elder | Todd St. Martin |
| Lector | Brian LaRowe |
| Usher Team | Chuck Jaskowiak |
| Sound Booth | James Fenske |
| Altar Guild | Peggy Rainbow |

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Sunday, May 8

Weekly Calendar May 9-13

Monday (5/9) 9am Quilters 6pm Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday (5/11) 10am Today's Light Bible Study 3pm MOLC Staff Meeting

Saturday (5/14) 7am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (5/15) (Fifth Sunday of Easter) 8am Divine Worship* † 9am Coffee Hour 9:30am Education Hour 10:30am Divine Worship* †

† Communion offered * Available on Facebook Live also

<u>Prayer Requests</u> Barb Koehler <u>prayer@molconline.org</u> **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, Kay Cantwell, Mount Olive as we work through the Call process

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: May 1- 78 /112

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are in celebration of Mother's Day.

Summer Worship: As a reminder, starting **June 5** worship will be held in the Gym/Family Life Center while sanctuary renovations are underway. There is going to be **one service at 9am on Sunday** during the summer.

Night Out at the Mallards Game: Save the date! Mount Olive will be having a night out at the Mallards Game Thursday June 16. First pitch is at 6:35. Tickets are \$20. Sign up at the welcome center!

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! <u>vbspro.events/p/molc2022</u> 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, <u>sarah.maleck@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!

Congratulations to this year's confirmands!

Joseph Gilbert Bluhm (son of Jeremy & Heather Bluhm) confirmation verse: James 1:4 Jeremiah Jake Probasco (son of Jeremiah & Marina Probasco) confirmation verse: Colossians 3:23 Adam Jeffrey Schleusner (son of Jeff & Joy Schleusner) confirmation verse: Psalm 46:1 Wes Willenburg (son of Kilby Willenburg & Megan Willenburg) confirmation verse: Psalm 50:15

Serving Next Week:

Elder: Jeremy Bluhm Lectors: Judy Adrianson / Paul Schuh Usher Teams: Matt Dierks/ Curt Casanova First Reading: Acts 11:1-8 Epistle: Revelation21:1-7 Gospel Reading: John 16:12-22 **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:

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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.

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

May 15: Doris Smith May 22: Brian & Connie LaRowe May 29: Open June 5: Pentecost Geraniums June 12: Open June 19: Open June 26: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

May 15: Doris Smith May 22: LaRwoe Family May 29: Open June 5: Open June 12: Open June 19: Open June 26: Open

Pledge Forms: Sanctuary Improvement Pledge Forms can be returned to the office, attention: Board of Stewardship. If you are dropping your form off in person, please put it in the Stewardship mailbox marked "Bill Skiera", on the right wall when you enter the Office Workroom.

MOLS Giving Tree Items: Following the congregational vote last month to suspend school operations, many of you who provided dollars or actual items identified on the MOLS Giving Tree, may be wondering what the plans are for the items provided to the school. The items will either be used by the Mt. Olive Preschool if possible or retained for the time when or if we re-start the day school. If you have questions about your specific donation, please see a member of the Stewardship Board.

Stewardship Corner

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)

On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

Just a Note

Card Shop: Mother's Day, Father's Day, Graduation Day cards available in the Card Shop located in the Library. New everyday greeting cards as well - all at 75 cents each with proceeds going to LWML. Please continue to self-serve.

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in providing flowers, please contact Denise Sliter at <u>altarflowers@molc.us</u> 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 <u>office@molc.us</u> or (608) 238-5656, and the office will set you up with a 15minute time slot.

Our Staff

Rev. Mark Baldwin, Interim Pastor Ray Calderon, Music Director Katie Mace, Preschool Director Lois Dieringer, Office Manager