



† **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER** †
10:30AM, Sunday, April 11, 2021

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 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

We tend to look for things to make faith easier. Signs, wonders, or just little hints here and there would help. But the disciples had all these things and heard Jesus promise His resurrection, and still they gathered behind the locked doors of their fears. What we do have is Christ, His Word that bestows and sustains our faith, and His Holy Sacrament wherein He feeds us with His body and blood. Though we have not seen with our eyes, we see with faith and join with doubting Thomas to confess, "My Lord and my God!"

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.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"The Lion and The Lamb"

Brown

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,
C **we lie and do not practice the truth.**
P But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
C **and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
P If we say we have not sinned,
C **we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**
P Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy, You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 105:1-5,8 ; antiphon 1 Peter 2:2-3

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

P Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

C Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

C Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

P He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand 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 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Faithful”

Randy Gill

SALUTATION/ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is

the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

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

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

"Transfiguration"

King

SERMON *Jesus, Our Life And Name Changer*

NICENE CREED

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 Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial to us and for all for whom our prayers have been requested. Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- P Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- P Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- P Restore those absent too long from the Church's sacramental life and bring to repentance those who have fallen into error and sin, that they may again be one with us at the Table of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- P Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need, *especially* . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**
- P Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith and now rest from their labors, bring us with them through the day of trouble into the dawn of peace and the place of everlasting life and light through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer and grant our supplication.**

P Grant to us that we may worthily receive this blessed Sacrament of Your Son's body and blood and may confidently trust that You will both hear and answer the prayers of Your people and supply us with all good things according to Your merciful favor; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

We accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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

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 SONG

“We Believe”

Ryan

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty God, heavenly Father, by Your tender love toward us sinners, You have given us Your only Son, that believing in Him, we may have everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit, give to us Your comfort in trouble and guard us against all doubt, that we remain steadfast in the faith and come, at last, to life eternal; 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 SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Whickham

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Sunday, April 11

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Weekly Calendar

April 12-17

Sunday (4/11)

3pm Mount Olive Lutheran School Open House

Monday (4/12)

9am Quilters
9:30am Book Club
6pm Board of Elders Meeting

Tuesday (4/13)

9am-2pm Communion

Wednesday (4/14)

10am Today's Light Bible Study
2-6pm Communion
5:30pm LOGOS

Thursday (4/15)

5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal
6:30pm School Committee Meeting

Saturday (4/17)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (4/18)

8am Divine Worship†
9am Fellowship Hour
9:30am Education Hour
10:30am Divine Worship†
11:30am Communion

† Communion offered

* Available on Facebook Live also

Prayer Requests

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This Week's Prayers

We Pray for . . . Karl Fels, Rich, and Nancy Bartlett, Lois Caraway, Mary Kolberg, Dave Kral, Greg Schwechel, The family of Ron Belshaw

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Thur. 4/1- 67, Fri. 4/2- 42/54, Sun. 4/4- 54/112/48

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are from our Easter services as well as from Lyle Christian in memory of his wife's birthday on April 12th.

Bible Reading Challenge: Pastor Mark is challenging the congregation to a chronological reading of the Bible in One Year! It began on June 1, 2020 and ends on May 31, 2021. Here are the daily readings for this week: **April 12:** Acts 8-11, **April 13:** Acts 12-14, **April 14:** James 1-3 **April 15:** James 4-5, Acts 15-16, **April 16:** Galatians 1-3, **April 17:** Galatians 4-6, **April 18:** Acts 17:1-18:18, 1 Thessalonians A list of the April readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

Mount Olive Lutheran School Fall Registration: Mount Olive Lutheran School is now enrolling for the 2021/2022 school year! For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact the office at office@molc.us!

Mount Olive Lutheran School Open House: Mark your calendars! Mount Olive Lutheran School will be hosting an open house Sunday April 11 3:00-5:00PM. Please grab some flyers at the Welcome Center to hand out! T-shirts are also available for sale!

Mount Olive Lutheran School Scholarship: If you are looking for a way to support Mount Olive Lutheran School the "Defending the Faith Scholarship" is looking for mission partners to help provide a high-quality Christ-centered education! Questions? Feel free to contact the school committee at schoolcommittee@molconline.org!

Thank You from Dave Kral: To: MOLC Pre-School students and staff, MOLC Staff, MOLC Members

As a former editor, words of thanks should come easily. They don't. I am simply overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayers, well wishes, and encouragement for recovery. Thank each and every one of you. Your encouragement is of tremendous help each and every day.

God works in wondrous ways through his followers to watch over his followers.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

Dave Kral

Easter Flowers: Thank you to those who purchased flowers for the Easter services. If you wish to take your plant home, please do so. Those that are left will be planted on the church grounds.

Women's Spring Fling: Save the Date! Saturday, **May 1, 2021**
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM Women of all ages are invited along with your lady friends and family members. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the welcome center soon.

Share-a-Thon: Think of this event as functioning much like a garage sale, but with NO money being exchanged! Donated items (from our congregation...or friends of members) will be available to anyone, for FREE in the Madison-area community! This event is scheduled for May 22nd and will be held at One City Schools.

Items Needed: clean clothing of all sizes for men, women, and children, household items, toys, kitchen wares, smaller furniture pieces (that can be easily moved by one person).

Items Not Accepted: NO electronics of any kind (TVs, computers, microwaves, air conditioners or dehumidifiers), NO infant furniture (including cribs, car seats, strollers, hi-chairs, changing tables, swings, bouncers and walker/jumpers) NO mattresses or box springs, NO paint, chemicals or other hazardous materials, and NO recalled products.

SWD Student Financial Aid: Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM) and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District - LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from SWD. For more information, visit swd.lcms.org – under Resources. The deadline is May 15.

Sunday Bulletins/Recordings: If you or someone you know is “shut in” and would like a bulletin and/or CD recording of the Sunday services, please let us know! Bulletins/CDs are sent out every Monday.

Community Impact Teams: Board of Christian Outreach is thrilled to announce the concept of MOLC Community Impact teams! This is a new and exciting way for Mount Olive members to “live out the love of Jesus” in the Madison area community in a service-oriented way. To find out more about these new amazing service opportunities, read about it in the TW@MOLC email, which can also be found on our Mount Olive website!

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.

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Thank You From the Red Cross: Thank you for another fantastic blood drive on 3/24/21! Your commitment in hosting blood drives with the American Red Cross truly makes a difference! As many as 99 lives may be saved by this drive alone! 33 total units were collected.

Stewardship Corner

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20:19)

The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Confirmation and Graduation cards now on display in addition to all occasion greeting cards at 75 cents each. Thank you for continuing self-service and the great response shown for supporting the missions at Lutheran Women's Missionary League with your purchases. We are located in the Library, next to the Nursery.

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!

Holy Communion: If you would like to take communion at church during the week, there are three different days you can sign up **Sundays 11:30am-1:00pm**, **Tuesdays 9:00am-2:00pm**, **Wednesdays 2:00-6:00pm**. Contact the office at office@molc.us or (608) 238-5656, and Luke will set you up with a 15-minute time slot.

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