



† **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** †
10:30AM, Sunday, May 16, 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

Some of the most memorable portraits of Jesus shared with us by the Gospel writers depict times when He prayed. We remember Him teaching the disciples to pray when He was on the mountain, sharing the heart of His teaching. We have the powerful portrait of Him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed. And in John's Gospel is recorded what is known as the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord. Jesus prayed for His people during His earthly ministry; He continues that praying for us. In his first epistle, John writes that "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). There is holy conversation in heaven just as sure as there is holy conversation on earth when we pray!

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

"Glorious Day"

(Verse 1)

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

(Verse 2)

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

(Chorus)

('Cause when) You called my name (and)
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

(Verse 3)

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met You

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

I needed rescue my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future my eyes are open

(Chorus)

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 Hear my prayer, O LORD;

C **let my cry come to You!**

P Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress!

C **Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!**

P O God, save me, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might.

C **O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

P The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, praying for His gracious forgiveness.
- C **O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have used Your holy name in ways that do not honor You and have not been constant in prayer and devotion. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of Your creation and have not shared its bounty with others at all times. We have not kept our thoughts, words, and deeds fully pure and honorable. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have coveted that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 27:1a, 4-5, 10, 14 ; antiphon v.7

- P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- C **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?**
- P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- C **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**
- P For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.
- C **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**
- 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 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

SONG OF PRAISE

“Good Good Father”

(Verse 1)

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone

(Chorus)

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are It's who You are It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am It's who I am It's who I am

(Verse 2)

I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide
Because You know just what we need Before we say a word

(Chorus x2)

(Bridge x2)

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

(Verse 3)

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

(Chorus x2)

SALUTATION/ PRAYER 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

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And 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. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"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. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(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. ¹⁹And 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.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it';

And “Let another take his office.”²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning 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.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:11b-19

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

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

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY

“Graves Into Gardens”

(Verse 1)

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

(Chorus)

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

(Verse 2)

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

(Bridge)

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can

SERMON *A Prayer for You . . . from Jesus*

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. 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 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 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

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, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for the gifts of bread and wine here before us and for Your gracious provision for all Your creatures. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with true faith and trust in Your words of promise receive the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, 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

“All Good Gifts”

(Verse 1)

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain

(Chorus)

All good gifts around us, are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord for all His love

(Verse 2)

We thank Thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food
No gifts have we to offer for all Thy love imparts
But that which Thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts.

(Chorus)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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

“Our God Is Greater”

(Verse 1)

Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You None like You

(Verse 2)

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

(Chorus)

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

(Bridge)

And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
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And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

(Chorus x2)

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Sunday, May 16

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Weekly Calendar May 17-22

Monday (5/17)

9am Quilters
6pm Executive Committee Meeting
7pm PPC Meeting

Tuesday (5/18)

9am-2pm Communion
11:15am Tee Up For LuWiSoMo
5pm Olive Branch Rehearsal
5:45pm Board of Fellowship Meeting
6pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday (5/19)

10am Today's Light Bible Study
2-6pm Communion

Thursday (5/20)

VIEW ARTICLES DUE

Saturday (5/22)

7:30am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (5/23)

(Pentecost Sunday)
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, Jenna Krumm, Luke Davison, Mount Olive Lutheran School, Andrew and Kristin Zobel, The family of Cindi Troia's Mother-In-Law

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: Sun. May 9-63 /55

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: **May 17:** Hebrews 1-3, **May 18:** Hebrews 4-6, **May 19:** Hebrews 7-10, **May 20:** Hebrews 11-13, **May 21:** 2 Timothy 1-3, **May 22:** 2 Timothy 4, 2 Peter 1-3 **May 23:** Jude 1, 1 John 1-2. A list of the May readings for our chronological reading of the Bible are available for you to pick up on the Information Booth.

Tee Up for LuWiSoMo: The annual LuWiSoMo benefit golf outing will take place at The Meadows of Sixmile Creek in Waunakee on Tuesday, May 18. The \$115 entry fee covers golf, cart, dinner, prizes and a generous donation to LuWiSoMo Outdoor Ministry & Retreat Center. Sign up now by contacting Gary Rainbow at 608-274-4099 or gary.rainbow@charter.net. On the day of the event registration starts at 11:15 am, shotgun start at noon, dinner at 5:30, depart at 6:15. **Not a golfer?** Show your support by becoming a Ministry Partner or Event Sponsor.

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 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!

View Articles: Beginning with the June/July View, articles will need to be typed and submitted by the 20th of the month prior to be included in the View. Thanks in advance for your submissions!

Mount Olive Concert Series: The last installment of this year's concert series will be this afternoon at 3pm. Join us for an afternoon of Sacred Sounds sung by Ray Calderon!

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.

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VBS Registration: The Board of Education is happy to announce that Vacation Bible School, "Rocky Railway" will be held **June 14-18**. Help us show the children from our congregation and community how Jesus Power Pulls Us Through! You can register online at: <https://vbspro.events/p/molc2021> or sign up at the Welcome Counter in the narthex. Please contact Kristie Kasbohm at kristiekas@gmail.com or call 608-347-7110 with questions. We are looking for volunteers to serve as co-directors, station leaders (KidVid, Arts & Crafts, Games, Snack and Bible Stories) crew leaders and assistant crew leaders, decorations/set-up committee, mission and donation director, and volunteer/crew coordinator.

Share-a-Thon: The Board of Christian Outreach has made some changes to the upcoming Share-A-Thon. This event will be a service opportunity FOR our Madison neighbors at One City School on July 17th. An announcement will be coming soon on WHEN and WHERE donated items (from our congregation...or friends of members) will be collected! If you can, please begin setting aside the following items:

- Children's clothing (sizes infant to 10-yrs olds)
- Coats for children & adults (all sizes & for all seasons)

Additional details about this first-time service event can be found in the TW@MOLC under the Board of Christian Outreach News and in The View!

Community Impact Teams: The Board of Christian Outreach is thrilled to announce that TWO teams are underway!

- MOLC Food Pantry Community Impact Team
- Homeless-to-Hopeful Community Impact Team

One of our community impact teams: Homeless to Hopeful (H2H) has begun their work to "live out the Love of Jesus" in the Madison area. The team's first project involves supporting homeless students and their families. You can help by donating these three items:

- Fabric softener sheets
- Deodorant (travel or full size, gender neutral)
- Hand sanitizers (small to medium size)

The team will be purchasing other requested items. Please put your donation in the special bin in the Narthex by May 16.

A huge thank you to the Mount Olive Foundation for the grant to fund this initial project!

To learn more about these amazing service opportunities, read about them in the Board of Christian Outreach News in the TW@MOLC and The View!

Upcoming Altar Flower Sponsors:

May 23: Pentecost Geraniums, Barb Koehler, Mary Goers

May 30: Open

June 6: Andrea Black

June 13: Connie LaRowe

June 20: Open

June 27: Eunice Gibson

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for an upcoming Sunday, please contact Denise Sliter at altarflowers@molc.us.

Stewardship Corner

"Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." (1 John 5:12)

Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

Just a Note

Card Shop: Graduation and Father's Day cards are now featured and new Sympathy, Birthday, and Thinking of You cards have arrived. Come and take a look - we are in the Library, next to the Nursery and all profits go to LWML. Self-serve is working out well - thanks!

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 **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.

Our Staff

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