
† **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER** †
10:30AM, Sunday, May 1, 2022

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

In light of Christ's eternal victory, we should expect change in our daily living. For example, although they were called to be fishers of men, in today's Gospel, the disciples learned that they needed to listen to their Lord even when fishing for fish. Change for Peter would mean moving from regretting his past (where he denied his Lord) to feeding Christ's flock. And for Saul (Paul), Christ's eternal, living presence would mean changing from catching Christians to proclaiming Christ before Gentiles and kings. The heavenly host in the Reading from Revelation sing their eternal songs of praise to the Lamb on the throne. How might our risen Lord's eternal victory over sin and evil change us so that we echo their praises already here in time?

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

"Come to the Water"

Stanfill

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM Jayden Douglas Jung

SONG OF PRAISE

"This is Amazing Grace"

Wickham

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P We have come to worship our great God. However, in our sinful condition, we cannot get near to Him. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

C **I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.**

P By the grace of God, there is One who is worthy to take our requests for forgiveness to God's throne of grace. Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen

instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 5:1–14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32

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

C Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENTS

SONG OF THE DAY

“We Are Called”

Haas

THE MESSAGE

Remaining Faithful!

Revelation 2:10

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERING

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

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

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“You Are My All In All”

Wickham

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. 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE BLESSING

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

“Lord, Reign in Me”

Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Mark Baldwin, <i>Interim Pastor</i>
Music	Olive Branch, Ray Calderon, <i>Music Director</i>
Elder	Stuart Sliter
Lector	Marci Baldwin
Usher Team	Matt Dierks
Sound Booth	James Fenske
Altar Guild	Peggy Rainbow

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Sunday, May 1

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Weekly Calendar May 2-6

Monday (5/2)

9am Quilters
6:30pm Men at Work

Wednesday (5/4)

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

Saturday (5/7)

7am Early Risers Bible Study

Sunday (5/8)

(Fourth Sunday of Easter / Mothers' Day)

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, Kay Cantwell, Mount Olive Lutheran School and Preschool, Mount Olive as we work through the Call process

This Week's News

Weekly Attendance: April 24- 57 /45

Today at the 10:30 service we welcome Jayden Douglas Jung into the family of Christ through the Waters of Holy Baptism!

Altar Flower Sponsors: Flowers this morning are in celebration of our 4 confirmands; Joseph Gilbert Bluhm, Jeremiah Jake Probasco, Adam Jeffrey Schleusner, and Wes Willenburg!

Coffee Hour Hosts: LOGOS in celebration of our confirmands

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

Women's Spring Fling: Looking forward to seeing women of all ages on Saturday morning for food, music, fellowship and art.

Please bring a few pictures of family and friends for a fun project.

Sign up is located in the narthex. Any questions, see Karen Stolen, Gretchen Cropp, Doris Smith or Kiley Weigt.

Pentecost Geraniums: Order forms for Pentecost Geraniums are available in the Narthex! Order forms are due **today!**

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: Todd St. Martin
Lectors: Steve Nelson / Brian LaRowe
Usher Teams: Gene Cropp / Chuck Jaskowiak
First Reading: Acts 20:17-35
Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

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 8: Mother's Day
May 15: Doris Smith
May 22: Open
May 29: Open
June 5: Pentecost Geraniums
June 12: Open
June 19: Open
June 26: Open

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

May 8: Open
May 15: Doris Smith
May 22: Open
May 29: Open
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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.

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!

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. Either way, they will be used in Mt. Olive Christian education endeavors, so thank you very much. If you have questions about your specific donation, please see a member of the Stewardship Board.

Stewardship Corner

"He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish." (John 21:6)

Won't the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before – when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

Just a Note

Card Shop: Confirmation, Graduation, Mother's Day and Father's Day cards now available in the Card Shop, located in the Library. Also new everyday greeting cards have been restocked. Thank you for continuing your support with self-service. Cards are 75 cents each and all profits go to LWML.

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

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