

He is
Risen

The image features the text "He is Risen" in a highly decorative, black calligraphic font. The letters are thick and feature sharp, pointed serifs. The word "He" is on the top line, "is" is on the second line, and "Risen" is on the third line. A large, thin black circle is drawn behind the text, partially overlapping the letters. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional Gothic or Blackletter calligraphy.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Easter Festival Service – April 1st, 2018 – 10:00AM

Welcome! In the name of our Risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us this morning. If you are a guest, please fill out a **Welcome Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Order of Worship: Rite One

*(pp. 41–59 in the black hymnal—
The Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))*



I. The Service of Preparation

(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with joy.)

~**Prelude** — *Preservice music & opportunity for prayer*

*(See “Prayers for Worship”
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Opening Hymn 352 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***
(vv. 1, 2 All; v. 3 Choir; v. 4 All stand to sing)

~**Confession of Sin** — *Admitting our sinfulness to God*

(ELH p. 41)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~**Kyrie Eleison** – *Lord, Have Mercy* — **Hymn 350 vv. 1, 4** *He’s Risen, He’s Risen*

~**Absolution** — *God’s declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 43, II; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Canticle** — *‘Little song’ with Biblical text* — **Hymn 359 vv. 1, 2, 4** *This Is the Feast*

~**Salutation & Collect** — *The Congregation’s Prayer of the Day* (ELH p. 45, p. 155 #61)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech You, that, as You put in our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

II. The Service of the Word



After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God’s Word is applied to our lives today.

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Hosea 13:14 “I will ransom them from the power of the grave;
I will redeem them from death.
O Death, I will be your plagues!
O Grave, I will be your destruction!
Pity is hidden from My eyes.”

~ **Choir Responsory:** *But Thanks Be To God* (from *Messiah*), G. F. Handel

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

(1 Corinthians 15:57)

~Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-12 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time. Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. The prophets, who prophesied about the grace that has come to you, searched and studied carefully concerning this salvation, trying to find out what person and what time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, when they wrote about these things. These are the things that have now been announced to you by those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even the angels long to look carefully into these things.

~ **Choir Responsory: Alleluia** (from *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden*, BWV 230), J.S. Bach
For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117:2)

~**Nicene Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 47)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the 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 the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He

shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

~Chief Hymn 347 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*
(vv. 1, All; v. 2, Choir; vv. 3-4, All)

~Exordium — *Festival exhortation and introduction from the preacher*

~Exordium Hymn 348 *He Is Arisen, Glorious Word!*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

~Sermon Message

“A Heartfelt Morning”

- 1. Hearts numb with grief***
- 2. Hearts frozen in fear***
- 3. Hearts filled with joy***

~Easter Prayer & Special Petitions

~Offering and Hymn 346 *Death is Dead, the True Life Liveth*

*The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a Welcome Card and place that in the offering plate.*

III. The Service of Holy Communion



Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.

Questions and prayers to assist in preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.)

Guests & Visitors: *We practice "Close" or "Closed Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). We do this out of love and concern for you. We want to make sure that those who take this holy meal receive it as a blessing and not to their harm as Scripture warns. We also understand that those who come forward to take communion are professing a unity of faith with our congregation and are in full agreement with the teachings and doctrines of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Therefore, we ask those who have not taken Holy Communion with us before to speak with a pastor before communing. Thank you.*

~Preface

(ELH p. 50 ff.; 2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

~Easter Preface

(ELH p. 75)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the

world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~**Sanctus** — *“Holy”*

(ELH p. 51 ff)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

~**Lord’s Prayer**

(ELH p. 53; Mt 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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Words of Institution**

(ELH p. 54; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

~**Agnus Dei** — *“Lamb of God”*

(ELH p. 55; Jn 1:29)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~**Distribution**

(Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:)

Hymn 341 vv. 1-3 *Awake, My Heart, With Gladness*

Hymn 310 vv. 1-4 *At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing*

Hymn 351 vv. 1-5 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Hymn 341 vv. 7-8 *To Halls of Heav’nly Splendor*

Hymn 310 vv. 5-8 *Mighty Victim From the Sky*

~**Dismissal** — *Assurance of blessing for those who have communed* (ELH p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~**Hymn of Thanksgiving 354, vv. 2, 10** *Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious!*

~**Collect of Thanksgiving** (ELH p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

~ **Benediction** — *Final Blessing for God's People* (ELH p. 56 ff.; Num 6:24-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

~**Closing Hymn 356** *The Day of Resurrection*

~**Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See "Prayers for Worship" —ELH p. 40)

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 335; 10:45am, 214

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$19,032.16

Online: \$3881.51

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,790

Psalm 116:12-13 What shall I render to the Lord / For all His benefits toward me? / I will take up the cup of salvation, / And call upon the name of the Lord.

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Ross Hermanson (captain),
Craig Brown, Broderick Brown, Will Holt, Nathan Younge

2nd Service: Jim Gates, Scott Dzwonkowski,
Dennis Soule, Kent Waletski

Greeters: 1st Service: Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Lois Otto

2nd Service: Mike & Anita Smith, James & Carolyn Gates

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Sharon Madson



**Flowers adorning our sanctuary today are given
in celebration of the glorious resurrection of
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

Rev. Ted & Diane , Mark and Paul Gullixson in honor of Ruth Gullixson Webber

Linda Loge in honor of loved ones

Ron & Elli and Joe Fisher in honor of Richard Fisher and Karl Jaster

Bill & Suzanne Bohning in honor of loved ones

Bob & Ruth Heidenreich in honor of loved ones

Paul & Mary Jane Tweit in honor of loved ones

Mark & Sharon Madson in honor of their parents and Uncle Paul

Mark & Sandy Johnson in honor of Orville and Mary Sampson

The MacPherson Family in honor of the Resurrection

Dennis & Pamela Davis in honor of their parents

Eldon & LuAnn Sting in honor of Louise & Erna Rieger

Phil & Jean Jurgenson in honor of Luella Jurgenson

Triah Meyer in honor of her grandparents

After School Care Kids & Staff in honor of Leah Mueller

Allan & Ellen Mueller

Chad & Sally Sorensen

Ron & Becky Bequette

David & Tamy Munsen



WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 1, 2018—April 8, 2018

Easter Sunday April 1	7:30AM 8:30AM 10AM	Senior Choir Sings Divine Service Easter Breakfast Easter Festival Service w/Holy Communion NO Encourage One Another NO Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday April 2	6:30PM	No School – CDS on Easter Break Board of Education No Monday Evening Service
Tuesday April 3	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday April 4	8:05AM 8:10AM 9AM 2:45PM 4PM	CDS Chapel MOM's Bible Study – “Family Vocation” Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> Youth Choir Confirmation Class
Thurs. Apr. 5		
Fri. Apr. 6	6:30PM	Planning meeting for Easter for Kids
Saturday April 7	9AM-1PM 9:45AM	Easter for Kids -3:15 PM New 2 You Volunteers
Sunday April 8	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 5PM 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Board of Stewardship Lutheran Pioneers, off-site Artemis Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the narthex table are copies of the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for 7th Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes and LYA registration; **signup sheets** for Camp Indianhead busing information, volunteering at New 2 You, and softball teams; **February edition** of *Thoughts of Faith*; **April editions of** the ELS *President's Newsletter*, *The Cross-stitch Corner*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and MVL's Memo; and **giving envelopes** for MVL memorials.

Easter Flowers: Many thanks to those who purchased flowers to beautify our altar today! If you have not yet paid for them, please stop in the office and Annette or Gail will be happy to help you. You are welcome to take your flowers home today after the 10AM service to enjoy with your families.

Teens and parents: Check the table in the narthex for registration packets for LYA 2018 in Tacoma, WA, July 26-29. Confirmed youth through college age are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register online, go to els.org/lya18.

Call extended: A call has been extended to Mr. Brent Sorn, currently teaching in Washington, as principal at Mount Olive Lutheran School. Please keep Mr. Sorn in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord would best have him use his many talents to serve God's Kingdom.

Sign-up for Connect Groups today! What are Connect Groups? We are small groups of Mt. Olive members who are gathering for food, drink, prayer and to talk about the sermon, usually in a casual setting where we can connect and grow in faith. There are multiple groups to choose from that meet at various times throughout the week. Join now by signing up in the Narthex between services or online at www.mtolivelutheran.org/connect-groups/

Volunteers needed: The Evangelism Committee is looking for volunteers to help with crafts, stories, gym activities and lunch **for Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 7**, from 9 AM – 1 PM. If you can lend a helping hand, please contact Michelle Graham (507-720-7258). Thank you!

Our Monday Evening Services resume Monday, April 9, at 6:30 PM.

Babysitters Wanted! We are looking for babysitters during the Connect Group season. Most babysitters would be needed on weeknights. Babysitters will be contacted by each group facilitator who needs babysitter(s). If you are interested, please call Jon Basel at 512-373-9064. Almost any age babysitter is welcome.

Canvassing April 14th! Our next canvass date is on April 14 at noon. Our main goal is to spread the Gospel and tell our neighbors that they can come to Mt. Olive to hear more about the Good News! Lunch will be provided; we will have a quick warm up and prep, then we will go out together to have fun sharing the Gospel. Afterwards, we'll have supper to celebrate the success of planting seeds. Please RSVP if you are able to attend so we can get an estimate for food and other materials. Invite your children,

friends, and family who can tag along! You can RSVP via jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org or text at 512-373-9064.

Mount Olive would like to have a float with music for the Fun Days Parade on July 7 and the Tater Days Parade on July 21. We are looking at easy hymns: *God Bless Our Native Land*, *A Mighty Fortress*, and the like. The Bonnett's are providing the trailer. Grade school, high school & college students, and adults are hereby encouraged to find their horns and get ready for some parade fun! Contact Dan Neubauer if you are interested.

Bethany Lutheran College

The Minnesota Valley Chorale will host their Spring Concert "Crescendo" featuring works by Haydn, Britten, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and Handel on Friday, April 13, at Church of St. Peter, St. Peter, and on Saturday, April 14, at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College. Both concerts take place at 7 PM. Tickets can be purchased through any MVC member, at the door, or on Eventbrite."

ELS

Parents & Educators: You are cordially invited to join the ELS homeschoolers at a symposium in Bethany's Meyer Hall on April 15th from 2-7 pm. Presenters include Rev. Johann Cauwwe (WELS) speaking about hymnody and Dr. Ryan MacPherson speaking about family devotions. Any parents, educators, or interested parties are welcome to attend. Please register online at <http://www.planetreg.com/elshomeschool>

Host Families Needed! Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is in need of host families for international students who want to attend our school. Host parents are compensated monthly for taking in and supporting these young people. For further information contact MVL at 507-354-6851 or sgrams@mvlhs.org.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is searching for a Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at tplath@mvlhs.org or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

In The Olive Press are all other new announcements. Please pick up your copy from the ushers.