

## Easter 7 ~ Exaudi Sunday, May 24, 2020

*Order of Service, Rite One (Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p. 41)*

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### ~Prelude

#### ~Opening Prayer

*(ELH p. 157, #76)*

P: Almighty, everlasting God, grant us always to have a devout will towards You, and the desire to serve Your majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

#### ~ Hymn 3 *Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise*

1. *Come, let us with our Lord arise,  
Our Lord, who made both earth and skies,  
Who died to save the world He made,  
And rose triumphant from the dead;  
He rose, the Prince of life and peace,  
And stamped this day forever His.*

2. *This is the day the Lord hath made,  
That all may see His pow'r displayed,  
And know His resurrection's pow'r,  
To rise by grace and fall no more,  
By His own righteousness renewed  
And filled with all the life of God.*

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

*(ELH p. 41, 1)*

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

*(ELH p. 42)*

**C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

#### ~Absolution — *God's declaration of forgiveness*

*(ELH p. 43, II; Matt 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.

**~Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

(ELH p. 44)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

**~Salutation** — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work*

(ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**~Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day*

(ELH p. 45; p. 157 #77)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: We beseech You, inasmuch as the world cannot endure such testimony and persecutes us in every way, grant us courage and comfort, that we may not be offended because of the cross, but continue steadfastly in Your testimony, and be always found among those who know You and Your Son, until we obtain eternal salvation through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**~Solo "My Heart Ever Faithful"**

(J.S. Bach)

*My heart ever Faithful  
Sing praises, be Joyful  
My Jesus is near!*

*Away with Complaining  
Be ever Maintaining  
My Jesus is near!*

**~Old Testament Lesson**

**Ezekiel 36:25-27** I will sprinkle purifying water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurity and from all your filthy idols.

Then I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you and will cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will carefully observe my ordinances.

**~Hymn 348 He Is Arisen**

*He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open,  
My Jesus died triumphantly,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.  
O hear  
What cheer!  
Christ victorious  
Riseth glorious,  
Life He giveth—  
He was dead, but see, He liveth!*

**~Holy Gospel Lesson**

**John 15:26-16:4** “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

“I have told you these things so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who murders you will think he is offering a service to God. They will do these things because they have not known the Father or me. But I have told you these things so that when their time comes, you may remember that I told them to you. I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

**~Apostles’ Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(ELH p. 46)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.**

**~Hymn 365 O Sing With Exultation**

*1. O sing with exultation,  
Sing to the Lord, rejoice!  
And in His congregation  
Shout with triumphant voice!  
For, lo, at God’s right hand  
Is Christ in glory seated;  
With death and hell defeated,  
As victor He doth stand.*

*2. Since Christ, our Lord, is living,  
We nevermore shall die;  
To God the glory giving,  
We rise to Him on high;  
Though chastened we may be,  
And to our graves be taken,  
We unto life shall waken  
And live eternally.*

*3. Christ is the sure foundation  
The builders did reject,  
But He for our salvation  
Is precious and elect  
And made the cornerstone  
On which the Church is founded;  
This marvel now is sounded,  
The work of God alone.*

*4. To Thee, O Christ, be glory,  
Who camest in His name!  
Thy people sing the story  
Thy praises to proclaim;  
We thank Thee and adore,  
O Christ, our Lord and Savior;  
Thy grace and boundless favor  
Stand fast forevermore.*

### ~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

**1 Peter 4:7-11** The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

Serve one another, each according to the gift he has received, as good stewards of the many forms of God's grace. If anyone speaks, let him do it as one speaking the messages of God. If anyone serves, let him do it as one serving with the strength God supplies so that God may be glorified in every way through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

### ~Sermon Message

*In Preparing for the End...*

1. We should be serious about our prayer life.
2. We should be fervent in our love for others.
3. We should be faithful in our management of God's gifts.

### ~Hymn 351, vv. 2, 3, 7 *He Lives Triumphant From the Grave*

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| 2. He lives triumphant from the grave;<br>He lives eternally to save.<br>He lives all-glorious in the sky;<br>He lives exalted there on high.            | 3. He lives to bless me with His love,<br>He lives to plead for me above.<br>He lives my hungry soul to feed;<br>He lives to help in time of need. |
| 7. He lives and grants me daily breath;<br>He lives, and I shall conquer death.<br>He lives my mansion to prepare;<br>He lives to bring me safely there. |  |

### ~The Prayer of the Church

*(ELH p. 48-49)*

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.**

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

**C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.**

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.**

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_)

who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.**

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

**C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.**

*(Special petitions are included)*

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.**

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

**C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!**

**~Lord's Prayer**

*(ELH p. 49; 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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**~Collect** — *In appreciation of God's gifts*

*(ELH p. 58, II)*

P: We thank You, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**~Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

*(ELH p. 59; 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 352, vv. 3, 4 *But the Pains Which He Endured***

*3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

*4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

**~Closing Prayer**

(ELH p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

**~Postlude**

(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)

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*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor John Petersen  
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel / Soloist: Jenny Haugen*  
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**Weekly Financial Update:**

**Given Last Week:** \$14,755.82 (includes on-line giving)

**Fiscal Year To Date Deficit** (as of 4/30/20): \$54,621.

*Romans 8:31-32 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?*

*Dear Mt. Olive Family & Friends: Due to the concerns for public health during this COVID-19 pandemic, and respecting the advisement of our governmental agencies, we have moved to providing DIGITAL WORSHIP SERVICES. You can find these on our website and on our local TV station, KTV.*

*Please know that our church leadership is continuing to look for the best possible ways to serve you with Word and Sacrament. Please bear with us in this process. If you are in need of Pastoral Care or would like to receive the Lord's Supper we are here to minister to you and desire to do so.*

*You may contact our office at (507) 345-4966.*

**Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org)**

**OR**

**TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.**

*To give your offering online, go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org) and click on the link "DONATE ONLINE". Or **TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate.** Or **Mail** your offering to the church office.*

*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

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**The flowers on the altar are given to God's glory by Jana Finken in honor of Joe Finken, who is being deployed to Africa in June, and in memory of those who gave their lives for this great country.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Christian condolences** to Mark and Joe Madson, whose mother, former longtime Mt Olive member Clarice Madson, passed away Saturday, May 16th in Edina at the age of 94. The funeral plans are currently pending. May God comfort all who mourn!

### **Vacation Bible School**

At its May meeting, the Board for Parish Education and Youth decided to cancel this year's Vacation Bible School due to the concerns and restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 epidemic. God willing, this will be among the many things we look forward to resuming in the next year!

### **Blood Drive**

Mount Olive hosts a blood drive on Wednesday, **June 3 from 1:00-6:00 PM**. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit their website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO. 1 pint can save 3 lives!

## **Minnesota Valley Lutheran Events**

### **MVL Graduation (TODAY) May 24**

A virtual graduation service is being prepared for MVL's Class of 2020. The service will be available for viewing at (and after) 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 24. Visit [www.mvl.org](http://www.mvl.org) or [facebook.com/mvlhs](https://facebook.com/mvlhs) to tune in. God's blessing to our seniors and their families!

### **MVL Summer Camp Changes**

Changes have been made to the dates of MVL's summer camps. A full list can be found at [mvl.org/athletics/summer-camps](http://mvl.org/athletics/summer-camps). If you have already registered and wish to cancel, please contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or [sallee@mvlhs.org](mailto:sallee@mvlhs.org).