



Easter Sunrise Service

Mt. Olive
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Lutheran Synod

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Early Easter + Matins Service, April 4th, 2021, 6:30am

~Preservice Prayer for Easter Morning:

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Heavenly Father, we worship you and adore You because You have raised Your Son from the dead and made Him to be Lord over all things in heaven and in earth. Fill us with confidence that in the risen Christ we can overcome all threats to the reality of Your love for us. Especially destroy in us the fear that death separates us from Your mercy. Give us of Your Spirit that we may live under Your Son in the freedom of those who have been delivered from death to life. Raise us each day from the depths of sin to the joys of forgiveness, and let us walk before You in righteousness; through our risen Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a “**Get Connected!**” card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack or on the WELCOME table). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of our bulletin are available from an usher. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Order of Worship: The Office of Matins

*(pp. 109-119 in the hymnal—
the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH))*



(Our Service today is based on the order of worship known as “Matins.” “Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word.)



~Prelude — *Preservice Music & Opportunity for Prayer*

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

~Easter Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

~Hymn 352 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav’nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*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!*

~Versicles — *Opening sentences*

(ELH p. 109 ff; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

~**Gloria Patri** — *Glory to the Father*

(ELH p. 110)

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

~**Psalmody Hymn 32 vv. 1-2** *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

1. *This is the day the Lord hath made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.*

2. *Today He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread
And all His wonders tell.*

~**Easter Lesson—Part 1**

(*A chronological harmony according to the four Gospels, NKJV*)

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come to see the tomb and anoint Him.

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.

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Certain other women with them, came to the tomb when the sun had risen. Bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side. Then, they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth. But he said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" And they remembered His words. "Come, see the place where the Lord lay. But go quickly and tell His disciples —and Peter—that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him as He said to you. Behold, I have told you."

So they went out quickly, for they trembled and were amazed; and fled from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

~Hymn 340 vv. 1,3,4 Alleluia! Jesus Lives

*1. Alleluia! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy house of death
Forth the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies
Of His people, yet to rise.*

*3. Jesus lives! Why weepst thou?
Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here
Lives our Brother still on high,
Lives forever to bestow
Blessings on His Church below.*

*4. Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head,
Where He is, thou, too, shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand,
Victor over death shalt stand.*

~Easter Lesson—Part 2

(A chronological harmony according to the four Gospels, NKJV)

Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

[When Mary Magdalene had come to them the first time], Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there by themselves, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes, marveling at what had happened.

~Hymn 356 vv. 1 & 3 The Day of Resurrection

*1. The day of resurrection,
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.*

*3. Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth her song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph
And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord hath risen;
Our joy that hath no end.*

~Easter Lesson—Part 3

(A chronological harmony according to the four Gospels, NKJV)

Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

And as the women 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.” Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

He was seen by Cephas [Peter]. After that He was seen by James.

~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 341 vv. 1-2, 6 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

1. Awake, my heart, with gladness,
See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness,
Comes forth the glorious Sun.
My Savior there was laid
Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light
Our spirit wings its flight.

2. The foe in triumph shouted
When Christ lay in the tomb;
But, lo, he now is routed,
His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free;
In glorious victory
He who is strong to save
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

6. Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passeth through.
He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's dark thrall;
I follow Him through all.

~Easter Exordium—Festival Address & Introduction from the Preacher

~Exordium Hymn 348 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

*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!*

~Sermon Text

Jonah 2:1-10 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish. He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out, and you heard my voice. You threw me into

the depths, into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me. Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full. Salvation belongs to the LORD!

Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

~Sermon Message

"Road to Redemption: Rescue to Rescue"

~Hymn 351 vv. 1-2, 5, 7-8 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

1. *I know that my Redeemer lives;*

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, He lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my ever-living Head.

2. *He lives triumphant from the grave;*

He lives eternally to save.

He lives all-glorious in the sky;

He lives exalted there on high.

5. *He lives to silence all my fears;*

He lives to wipe away my tears.

He lives to calm my troubled heart;

He lives all blessings to impart.

7. *He lives and grants me daily breath;*

He lives, and I shall conquer death.

He lives my mansion to prepare;

He lives to bring me safely there.

8. *He lives, all glory to His name!*

He lives, my Jesus, still the same.

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:

"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

~Easter Prayer & Special Petitions

~Kyrie — *"Lord, Have Mercy"*

(ELH p. 116)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~The Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 117; 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. 118-119, Form II)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 119; 2 Cor. 13:14)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

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

(ELH p. 119; Num. 6:24-26)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Closing Hymn 354, vv. 1, 2, 6 *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

1. Like the golden sun ascending, Breaking through the gloom of night, On the earth his glory spending So that darkness takes to flight, Thus my Jesus from the grave And death's dismal, dreadful cave Rose triumphant Easter morning At the early purple dawning.	2. Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.
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6. Satan's arrows all lie broken,
Death and hell have met their doom;
Christ, Thy rising is the token:
Thou hast triumphed o'er the tomb.
Thou hast buried all my woe,
And my cup doth overflow;
By Thy resurrection glorious
I shall wave my palms victorious.

*Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: Cassie Johnson*

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: 1st Service: Paul & Mary Jane Tweit

2nd Service: John Bungum

Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

Altar Guild: Carol Leiferman, Lynette Merseth



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

Art & Terri Westphal in honor of loved ones
Luke & Rachel Ulrich in memory of George Enderle and Ruth Wagner
Paul & Mary Jane Tweit in honor of loved ones
Laurie & Andy Overn in honor of loved ones
Dottie Kunkle in memory of James Kunkle
Phyllis Kenning in memory of Bud Kenning
Margaret Johnson in honor of loved ones
Peggy Harstad in honor of loved ones
Kim Gustavson & family in memory of Travis Gustavson
Mark & Michelle Graham in honor of loved ones
Elli and Joe Fisher in honor of loved ones
Seth & Bethany Ferkenstad in honor of our grandparents
Janet & Greg Costello in honor of loved ones
Bill & Suzanne Bohning in honor of loved ones
Ron & Becky Bequette in honor of loved ones



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday: 8:30am, 188; 10:45am, 164

Sun Live Online Viewing: 49

Monday: 24

Maundy Thursday: 241

Live Online Viewing: 41

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$14,123.41 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Surplus (as of 2/28/21): \$27,305

Romans 8:32 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?

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "donate on line." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

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 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 5th Annual Men of Truth Conference, Band of Brothers, is **April 10th** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, **8am-2:30pm** (in-person & livestreaming). Five featured speakers lead by Keynote Speaker Mark Jeske explore topics of 1) Get a Brother. You're Not Alone. 2) Be a Brother. Don't Go Alone. and 3) Know Your Sisters. Listen. Treat Women Well. Lunch-on-your-own time is 11:45-1pm. For more information and to register for the event, go to www.menoftruth.org. (We will be following current health guidelines at time of the event).

Bibles and Hymnals and Gifts ... Oh My! Have you visited the Bethany Lutheran College Bookstore lately? The Bookstore carries a variety of Bibles, hymnals, prayer books, devotionals, and gifts perfect for Confirmation and Graduation. In addition, embossing is available and completed right in the store for a faster turnaround. Stop by the Bookstore to check out the variety of Christian books and gifts!

Thank you to all who so generously donated food to the ECHO Food Shelf. 511 pounds of food were collected! And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL Routes with Palmer Bus Service

Palmer Bus Service provides safe and reliable transportation for students. We are now hiring school bus drivers for MVL routes. Full-time and part-time positions available with paid training! Contact Site Manager Ray Vulcan at rayv@palmerbusservice.com to learn more.

Open House

MVL has rescheduled their Open House to April 14. See the poster on the board around the corner of the nursery for timeframes based on last names.

Bethany Lutheran College

Open Positions: BLC is currently taking applications for these positions:

- Adjunct Faculty - Nursing Department (2)
- Assistant/Associate Professor - Business Administration
- Computer Systems Specialist

More information on these jobs can be found at <http://www.blc.edu/jobs>

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *April 4, 2021 — April 11, 2021*

Sunday, April 4	6:30AM 8AM 10AM	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Easter Festival w/Holy Communion Festival Service w/Holy Communion
Monday, April 5	6:30PM	No CDS Evening Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 6	6:30PM 7PM	Jesus Cares M.O.M.s Bible Study (Londgren's)
Wednesday, April 7	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes
Thursday, April 8	8:30AM 1PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace M.O.M.s Bible Study (social hall)
Fri., Apr. 9		
Sat., April 10		
Sunday, April 11	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service