



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 11, 2021, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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**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 **Guest 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. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

### **Explanation of the Week:**

*"Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that!" Peter proclaimed in His Sermon on Pentecost. (Acts 2:22-32) This was the confidence and hope of God's people throughout time—including, as Peter quotes—King David. On Easter evening, Jesus shows His disciples His hands and side, declaring "Peace be with you." He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness, which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:19-31) Jesus' appearing now brings confidence and hope to the previously fearful disciples. They now also give us confidence and hope—so that we can now proclaim as Job did, that "I know...I myself will see Him!" (Job 19:25-27) This is the glorious Easter message that changes our lives! We rejoice to hear it—We rejoice to share it!*

**Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41).** This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).

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## 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 thanks and joy.)*

### ~Opening Prayer

*(ELH p. 41)*

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake. Amen.

### ~Hymn 366 vv. 1-3 *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

1. *Ye sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. *On that first morning of the week,  
Before the day began to break,  
The Marys went their Lord to seek.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

3. *An angel bade their sorrow flee,  
For thus he spake unto the three:  
“Your Lord is gone to Galilee.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### ~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.**

~**Hymn 350 v. 4 O Where Is Thy Sting, Death?**

*4. O where is thy sting, death? We fear thee no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.  
Have mercy on us, Lord!*

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

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** — *"Glory in the Highest to God"* (ELH p. 44-45; Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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. 155, #64)

P: Let us pray: Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection, may, by the help of Your grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conduct; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

~**Men's Choir** — *The Easter Carol*

*S. Drummond Wolff (Setting)*

*1. This joyful Eastertide,  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified,  
Hath sprung to life this morrow.*

*Refrain:*

*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Ne'er burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain;  
But now is Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*(Continues on next page...)*

2. *Death's flood has lost its chill,  
Since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill  
My passing soul deliver. [Refrain]*

3. *My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a season slumber;  
Till trump from west  
Shall wake the dead in number. [Refrain]*

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## 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

**Job 19:25-27** As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the end of time He will stand over the dust.  
Then, even after my skin has been destroyed,  
nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.  
I myself will see Him.  
My own eyes will see Him, and not as a stranger.  
My emotions are in turmoil within me.

~**Gradual** —A Psalm or Hymn of the people responding to God's Word

### **Hymn 344 v. 1 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again**

*1. Christ the Lord is ris'n again;  
Christ has broken death's strong chain.  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high: Alleluia!  
He who gave for us His life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today.  
We, too, sing for joy and say:  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, today Your people feed. Alleluia!*

### ~Holy Gospel Lesson

*(ELH p. 46)*

**John 20:19-31** On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands

and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent Me, I am also sending you." After saying this, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe." After eight days, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," He said. Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My hands. Take your hand and put it into My side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus, in the presence of His disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

**C: ♪ God be prais-ed for His glad tidings.**

~**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.**

~**Chief Hymn 366 vv. 4-8 *That Night th'Apostles Met in Fear***

*4. That night th'Apostles met in fear;  
Amidst them came their Lord most dear  
And said: "Peace be unto you here."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*5. When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled His word,  
He doubted if it were the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

(*Hymn continues on next page...*)

6. *“Thomas, behold My side,” saith He,  
“My hands, My feet, My body, see;  
And doubt not, but believe in Me.”  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

7. *No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*8. Blesséd are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith hath constant been,  
In life eternal they shall reign:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text**

**Acts 2:22-32** “Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. This man, who was handed over by God’s set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross. He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip. Indeed, David says concerning him:

I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart was glad,  
and my tongue rejoiced.

My flesh also will rest in hope,

because you will not abandon my life to the grave,

nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life.

You will fill me with joy in your presence.

“Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne, he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay. This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that.”

### **~Sermon Theme**

*Easter Provides Us with a Life Changing Message*

1. *It's meant for us to hear.*
2. *It's meant for us to share.*

**~Prayer of the Church**

*(ELH p. 48)*

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.**

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.**

~Hymn 356 *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.*

2. *Our hearts be pure from evil  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light*

*And, listening to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All Hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.*

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.*

~Collect — *Requesting God's help to live godly lives*

(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 366 vv. 9-10 *On This Most Holy Day of Days*

9. *On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

10. *And we with holy Church, unite,  
As evermore is just and right,  
In glory to the King of light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.

~Announcements

~Postlude — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

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

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*Officiant: Pastor John Petersen*

*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE**

**Good Friday:** 168 (*attended*)/110 (*communed*) **Live Online Viewing:** 38

**Easter Sunday:** 6:30am, 84 8:00am, 189/133; 10:00am, 189/113

**Sun Live Online Viewing:** 16 (6:30am)/34 (8:00am)

**Easter Monday:** 21/16

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**Weekly Financial Update**

**Given Last Week:** \$29,035.00 (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](http://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.*

**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Greeters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Service: Paul & Mary Jane Tweit

2<sup>nd</sup> Service: John Bungum

**Offering Counters:** Will Holt, Lance Schwartz

**Altar Guild:** Carol Leiferman, Lynette Merseth

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *April 11, 2021—April 18, 2021***

<b>Sunday,</b> April 11	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service
<b>Monday,</b> April 12	9:30 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference (at Peace) Board of Parish Education and Youth Divine Service Church Council
<b>Tuesday,</b> April 13	6:30PM 7PM	PTF Executive Committee meeting M.O.M.s Bible Study (Londgren's)
<b>Wednesday,</b> April 14	8:05AM 9AM 4PM	Chapel Bible Study Confirmation Classes
<b>Thursday,</b> April 15	8:30AM 1PM	M.O.M.s Bible Study at Peace M.O.M.s Bible Study (social hall)
<b>Fri.,</b> Apr. 16		
<b>Sat.,</b> April 17	8AM	Spring cleaning of sanctuary and exterior
<b>Sunday,</b> April 18	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Study Divine Service w/Holy Communion

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Mark and Vivian Smith in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary.

**Today is the last** day to take home your tulips. If you purchased one of the tulips and would like to keep it, please take it home with you today.

**Senior Recital at BLC:** On Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 PM, Mariah Munsen presents her senior piano and flute recital in Trinity Chapel at Bethany Lutheran College. Mariah will be playing works by Beethoven, Debussy, Mozart, and more. This is a free event with no ticket required and will also be live streamed at [www.blc.edu/chapelcast](http://www.blc.edu/chapelcast).

**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!

**Spring Cleaning: Save the** date of April 17 from 8:00 AM to noon. We'll clean the sanctuary and tidy up the landscaping. The backup date for working outside is Saturday, April 24.

**You're invited! Come to the** Large Group PTF Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 6:30pm, in the sanctuary. Childcare is provided by Bethany students in the gym. At this meeting, we will discuss, vote on, and prioritize our Charger Challenge 2021 Wish list. The Charger Challenge is the one and only school fundraiser Mt. Olive students participate in; and God-willing, it will take place in the fall of 2021! So come to the meeting on the 21st and give input as to what items would best serve the students, faculty, and families of our amazing school!

**Camp Indianhead Go-ers!** Mount Olive members heading to Camp Indianhead who would like Mount Olive to pay the traditional \$50 per camper need to email Lance Johnson before June 11, the same day as the camp registration deadline. Send an email to Lance Johnson ([lgustavj77@gmail.com](mailto:lgustavj77@gmail.com)) with your child(ren)'s name and that you would like to be on the reimbursement list.

### **Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School**

**MVL Classic on July 12:** The 2021 MVL Classic is coming July 12 at the New Ulm Country Club. This annual outing supports our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for a Christ-centered education at MVL. Each year - through sponsorships, golf fees, and outright donations - thousands of dollars are raised for MVL families in the coming school year. Sponsorship opportunities are currently open for both businesses and individuals; contact Kristin Matzke at [kmatzke@mvlhs.org](mailto:kmatzke@mvlhs.org) for more information. Let's tap-in for tuition assistance!

**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>