



Easter Sunrise Service

✠ Mt. Olive

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Matins Service, Sunday, April 9, 2023; 7:30 AM

~Our Easter Confidence:

*"Know ye, then—sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me—that you are missing the mark. I am not one of those who are afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you."
(Martin Luther, Easter Sermon on Mark 16:1-8; 1530)*

Welcome! In the name of our crucified and 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 guest card (found in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. 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: 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**

~**Versicles** — *Opening sentences*

(ELH p. 109-110; 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. 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: Psalm 118**

(Read responsively; NKJV)

P: The LORD is my strength and song,

C: And He has become my salvation.

P: The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;

C: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

P: The right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

C: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

P: The LORD has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

C: Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, and I will praise the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous shall enter.

C: I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

P: The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

All: 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.

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

~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.”

~Hymn 356, vv. 3 *Now Let the Heav'ns Be Joyful*

~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 343, vv. 1-5 *Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bonds*

~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.

~**Exordium**—*Festival Exhortation and Introduction from the Preacher*

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

~**Sermon Text**

(EHV)

Psalm 16:8-11 I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices. Even my flesh will dwell securely because you will not abandon my life to the grave. You will not let your favored one see decay. You have made known to me the path of life, fullness of joy in your presence, pleasures at your right hand forever.

~**Sermon Message**

“Jesus’ Resurrection Gives Us Unshakeable Gladness and Joy!”

~**Offering & Canticle Hymn 359** *This is the Feast*

~Offering Prayer

(We take this time to acknowledge and thank God for moving the hearts of His people to continue to support the mission and work of our church. Our ushers will bring the offering plates forward to the altar and the pastor will offer a prayer of thanks. Please note: You may place any offerings into the plates on the stands at the main aisle entrance to the Sanctuary either before or after the service. Online giving is also available through mtolivelutheran.org or by text message through your smartphone by texting the amount you would like to give to 833-726-3742 (a link will be provided for first-time users to register an account.)

~Kyrrie — “Lord, Have Mercy”

(ELH p. 116)

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

~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.

~Easter Prayer & Special Petitions

~Collect — *Asking for God’s blessing in our daily lives*

(ELH p. 118, Form I)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.

~Benedicamus — “Let us bless & speak well” of God

(ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

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

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

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*

~Announcements

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

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

*Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: Cassie Johnson
Special Music: Mt. Olive Brass Group
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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SIUPPER
Sunday: 8:30am, 288/195; 10:45am, 173/121; Monday: 33/21
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 15

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:
Greeters: 1st Service—Ron & Mary Younge, Steve & Lois Jaeger
2nd Service—Peggy Harstad, Joni Bode
Offering Counters: Will Holt, Lance Schwartz
Altar Guild: Sharon Madson, Heidi Graham, Emily Christensen
Media Center: Daniel Norris

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$16,033.18
Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week: \$62.50
LOC total as of 4/2/23: \$14,610.66 (\$5,389.34 still needed to make \$20,000 goal)
Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 02/28/23: \$62,594.53

2 Corinthians 9:8 God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work.

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "donate online".

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: April 9, 2023 — April 16, 2023

Easter Sunday, April 9	7:30AM	Sunrise Service
	8:30AM	Easter Breakfast
	10AM	Festival Service w/Holy Communion; Adult Choir No Adult Pickleball No Artemis Gaming
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
Monday, April 10		No CDS
	5:30PM	Parish Ed & Youth
	6:30PM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	6:30PM	Church Council
Tuesday, April 11	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	1PM	MOM's Bible Study @ Mt. Olive
Wednesday, April 12	8:10AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study
	7PM	Adult Choir Practice
Thurs., April 13	8:30AM	MOM's Bible Study @ Peace
Fri., April 14		
Saturday, April 15	8:30-11AM	Thriving Families Brunch
	11AM-2PM	Spring Cleaning Day
Sunday, April 16	8:30AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion;
	1PM	Encourage One Another
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School



Breakfast is served today, from 8:30-9:30am! Join us for eggs, ham, cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee, and juice. This event is hosted by our Mt. Olive youth; your donations will help pay the cost of their attending LYA or Camp Indianhead.



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

Rev. Ted & Diane Gullixson in honor of Ruth Webber
Cheryl Lueck in honor of Eunice Lueck
Becky Anton in honor of her parents
Elli and Joe Fisher in honor of Ron Fisher and loved ones
Bill & Suzanne Bohning in honor of loved ones
Janet & Greg Costello in honor of loved ones
Bruce Gratz in honor of our ELS military service members
Mark & Sharon Madson in honor of our fathers
Dan & Emily Christensen in honor of loved ones
Andy & Laurie Overn in memory of Christopher Faye
Art & Terri Westphal in honor of loved ones
Allen & Ellen Mueller in memory of our parents
Dave & Cindy Reimers in honor of loved ones
Dottie Kunkel in honor of Jim Kunkel
Neil & Barb Kaus in honor of loved ones
Brian & Rebecca Strom in honor of loved ones
Pam Davis in honor of loved ones
Bruno & Marian Wilinski in honor of our loved ones
Mark & Sandy Johnson in honor of Mary & Orville Sampson and Mark's sister, Lisa





Mount Olive
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Thriving Family Series

"Deception, Suggestion, and Influence:
Navigating the Truth in an Entertainment Culture"



Speaker:
Professor Pete Bloedel
(Professor of Theatre at
Bethany Lutheran College)

- **Saturday, April 15th, 8:30-11AM**
- Child Care Provided in Gym with Bounce House
- Meeting in Church Fellowship Hall
- Breakfast Provided




Spring Cleaning

Saturday, **April 15**
11AM-2PM

We will clean the inside (sanctuary, narthex, social hall, kitchen, etc.) and the outside grounds. In case of rain, the backup date for outside work will be Saturday, April 22.

Camp Counselors are needed for Camp Indianhead, MN, from July 9-14 at Lutheran Island Camp. We are looking for male counselors especially. Counselors are in charge of a cabin and participate in sports, games, campfires, and worship with campers. For more information and application forms, contact Prof. Shawn Stafford at sstafford@blc.edu; **applications are due April 15.**

Thank you, Mt. Olive members, for contributing food items to help Mt. Olive bring Easter Dinner to The REACH, a drop-in center for homeless and at-risk youth in the Mankato area. Also, our thanks to all who donated diapers, baby wipes, formula, and coin-filled baby bottles to benefit the clients of Options for Women. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



Mt. Olive members donated 42 lb. of food to the ECHO Food Shelf during the month of March. Thank you for your generosity.

<p><i>Encourage One Another</i></p>  <p>SUPPORT GROUP @ MT. OLIVE</p> <p>Meeting: Sunday, April 16 1-2pm</p> <p><i>Gather with your fellow Christians to share with them, uplift them, and pray for them.</i></p> <p><i>For ANYONE needing encouragement and support (i.e. those who suffer from depression, anxiety, grief, & other struggles).</i></p> <p>"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11</p> 	 <p>By: Prof. Adolph Harstad</p> <p>Where: Mt. Olive's Fireside Room</p> <p>When: Fridays, 1-2pm <i>(Beginning April 21st, Running for FIVE weeks)</i></p> <p>Why: To gain a basic understanding of the Hebrew Language!</p> <p>\$25 / Student</p> <p>New Students Welcome! No Experience Needed.</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Pr. Ulrich OR Todd Gavin (Call or Text) 507 995-9747</p> 
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Upcoming Meeting: All are welcome to join us on Sunday, **April 23**, at 9:40am, in the church Social Hall for our spring congregational informational meeting. Get an update from our Boards and Committees about how things at Mt. Olive are going!

Mt Olive Lutheran Church Mission Statement

The mission of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through God's Word, so that souls are called into and kept in the Christian faith unto eternal life.