



**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church**

**Easter Sunday – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

## **Welcome to Mt. Olive**

From all of us at Mt. Olive, welcome to worship. We are so glad that you have joined us today.

### **A Few Notes Before Worship**

- Restrooms are located in the entryway
- We love having children in worship! We realize that can sometimes be challenging. If your child becomes restless, the fellowship hall or the library (across from the restrooms) are great places to regroup.
- Baby changing stations are located in every restroom
- You are our guest. If there is something else we can help you with, please let an usher know. They will be happy to assist.
- Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this worship folder or as noted in the blue hymnal located in your pew.

### **Assistive Listening System Available**

Our assistive listening system is available with the use of the free app, Listen EVERYWHERE (available for both Android and Apple devices). If you are interested in using Mt. Olive's assistive listening system, please pick up an informational card on the table in the entryway or ask an usher for assistance.

### **All Will Be Made Alive**

The film director Woody Allen once said, "I'm not afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens." Studies have shown that most people fear death to varying degrees. This fear is so common, there is even a field of psychological study called thanatology. It examines human reaction to death and dying. One of the biggest reasons people fear death is the perception of its permanency. In the normal realm of human existence, dead is dead. Someone dies, and all you have are pictures and memories. That is the way people typically think, but it is far from reality. Today, Christ proves to us that death is not final at all!

Easter teaches us that Christ is the first fruits of those who have died. Just as Christ rose, "so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). That changes everything: the way we grieve the death of a Christian loved one, the way we feel when our health fails, the way we look at the purpose of life right now. Let us rejoice in this resurrection reality: All will be made alive!

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

Dear Lord, I thank you for giving me this opportunity today to gather together with fellow believers to join in worship and praise. May my worship and meditation this day be pleasing in Your sight and be deserving of Your honor. Amen.

# Hymn

## 442 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now the first - born from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!



see the place where he was laid; Al - le - lu - ia!  
"Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!  
while, in strange and awe - full strife, Al - le - lu - ia!  
throned in end - less might and pow'r, Al - le - lu - ia!



praise him for the ran - som paid. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met to - geth - er death and life. Al - le - lu - ia!  
lives and reigns for - ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**Stand**

## Dialogue

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.**

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

**Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.**

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# Hymn

## 471 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
heart and will on things a - bove that we  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer thro' your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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# The Word

## Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

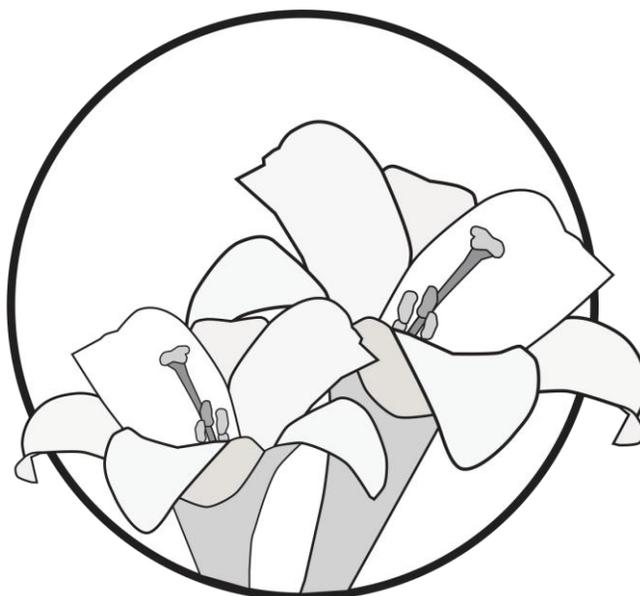
## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*



## First Reading

*Job 19:23–27*

<sup>23</sup>“Oh, that my words were recorded,  
that they were written on a scroll,  
<sup>24</sup>that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,  
or engraved in rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;  
<sup>27</sup>I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 118B*

## Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;  
he has become my sal- / vation.  
The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;  
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!  
I will not / die but live,  
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;  
you have become my sal- / vation.  
The stone the builders re- / jected  
has become the / cornerstone;  
the LORD has / done this,  
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

<sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

<sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The children may come forward during verse 2 for the children's devotion*

## Hymn of the Day

450 *The Day of Resurrection*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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# God's Word In Our Lives

## Resurrection Reality

*Mark 16:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

<sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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**REALity**

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*Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 will 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.**

*Be seated*

# Welcome!

## Worship Registers

*We're so glad you could join us for worship today and would love to have a record of your visit!*

*Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

*Use the QR Code below for an online worship register*



## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day. **When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

**Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

**Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end.  
Never leave us or forsake us.**

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, “He is risen!” As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

**Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.**

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

**Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

# Hymn

## 455 Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.  
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?  
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,  
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you too shall be;



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
Praise the Vic - tor - King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
you with him at his right hand vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

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