



May 12, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



7301 North 28th Avenue
Omaha, Nebraska 68112-2816

Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.
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**Brothers and sisters in the risen Christ, grace and peace to you!
Please greet one another as we prepare to worship God.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



**4TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

May 12, 2019

Jesus the Good Shepherd is the familiar theme of the Fourth Sunday of Easter. He is our Good Shepherd because He lays down His life for us. We are His sheep because we hear His voice, and by the power of the Spirit, we recognize His voice and rejoice in Him. He knows us, and we know Him. That is our comfort and our hope. As we find peace in the words of Psalm 23, so do we find hope in its fulfillment in Christ. He shows us the Father, He gives us eternal life, and He keeps us safe in the face of all our enemies.

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E *Please fill out the attendance register sheet.*

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand

G A T H E R I N G
We Enter God's Presence.

I N V O C A T I O N

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ has risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We all, like sheep, have gone astray;
each of us has turned to his own way.
But the Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins
in His body on the cross,
so we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains a single note with a fermata. The middle staff is for the Congregation and contains the lyrics 'Ky-ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (hum)'. The bottom staff is the bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The Congregation part includes a fermata over the final note of the phrase.

Kyrie eleison (KIH-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn): Lord, have mer-

Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation (*same as above*)

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation (*same as above*)

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation (*same as above*)

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation (*same as above*)

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is The Feast

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 20:17-35

Paul gives counsel to the Ephesian elders.

From Miletus [Paul] sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God's grace. And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

P S A L M 23

The Lord is My Shepherd
setting by James Biery

Choir

The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.
He gives me rest in green pastures.
He leads me by the still waters.
He guides me on the right path.
His goodness and mercy shall follow me.
With him I'll dwell forevermore.
The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.

S E C O N D L E S S O N

Revelation 7:9-17

A white-robed multitude sings before the Lamb.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (*NRSV*)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Turn as the cross passes.

Cantor begins, congregation joins in on “alleluias.”

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

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

Cantor: Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

(John 10:14)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord! (*shouted*)

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and

they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.” (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*).

G O S P E L A C C L A M A T I O N

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (*twice*)

Sit

S E R M O N

A Walk With Jesus Our Shepherd

Psalm 23

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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**The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**

*Left: Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*Right: In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still; Thy cross before to guide me.*

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy.

hear our prayer.

. . . our God, forever and ever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep
setting by K. Lee Scott

Cantor

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy pow'r withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.
Loving Savior, thou didst give thine own life that we might live,
And the hands outstretched to bless bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee ev'ry day, gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.
Loving Shepherd, ever hear, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . . in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER (*join hands*)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven....

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

**Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**

**Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For he stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**

**Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For he stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

Tune: Weil, Ich Jesu

**I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Love me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

**Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pasture leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**

**Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Tune: Bradbury (481)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.**

**Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.**

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
st. 1 — cantor

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger; Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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NEXT SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE -----Kamree Townsend
 ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Galen Behr
 CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Nathan Jank, Suzan Jank
 LECTOR ----- Gloria Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	105	Bible Class.....	46
Communion.....	83	Offering.....	5668
Sunday School	17	Needed Weekly	5300
Staff.....	4	Specials	744

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 3

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
 TUESDAY - MOUNT OLIVE BOOK CLUB----- 7:00 P.M.
 WEDNESDAY - CONFIRMATION CLASS ----- 6:00 P.M.
 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ----- 6:00 P.M.
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 7:45 P.M.
 SUNDAY WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR – During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall in a continued discussion of some of Mount Olive’s traditions and uniqueness. A second Bible class, “Present Over Perfect,” for parents with children in the nursery is being led by Melissa Lorang in the nursery room, the northwest corner room upstairs. Pick up a cup of coffee and join us.

MOTHER’S DAY – “Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” (*Proverbs 31:28-29*)

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY – Next Sunday after the Education Hour is our quarterly Voters’ Assembly meeting. We will elect our congregational leaders for the next two years, call an Intentional Interim Pastor and give a peaceful release to Pastor Jank from his call to serve us.

CALL COMMITTEE — The Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) Call Committee met with Rev. Glenn Meyer on Monday, April 29. Pastor Meyer is the candidate recommended by District Pres. Snow. He and his wife live in Bennington, NE. He has 38 years of ministry experience and is committed to helping LMCS congregations work through the transition of calling a new pastor. He has previously served as IIP at Good Shepherd, Fremont, NE, and is currently serving Grace Lutheran in Fairbury, NE. Pastor Meyer describes his vision for ministry at Mt. Olive like this, “*As I see my role . . . I expect myself to fulfill ALL that a regularly called resident pastor would do PLUS take the congregation through the Interim/*

Transition Process. I would hope to be with Mt. Olive until we hear of a pastor accepting the call to be the next resident pastor. Normal practice that I have seen is a 12-month call with an option of a 6-month extension.” God willing, our Call Committee hopes to make a recommendation at the May 19 Voters’ Assembly. Please direct any questions or concerns to any member of the Call Committee (Galen Behr, Jill Clausen, Melissa Lorang, Rachel Misiolek, Mark Sorensen, Mike Townsend, Jr. and Max Williams.) Pastor Jank is our advisor, and Rev. Bill Moorhead is the District advisor.

ALL WELCOME — On Sunday, May 26th, Bob Wegner, Betsy Kosch and their families invite you to a cake reception after church to celebrate the confirmation of Aryanna Hogue and Austin Wegner.

END OF THE YEAR COOKOUT — All ladies that have ever attended the Women’s Bible Study, who have thought about attending the Women’s Bible Study or just want the night off from making dinner for the family are invited to an “end of the year” get together at Dixie Gerhart’s house (8215 N. 46th St.) on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m. Chef Chuck will grill some burgers and hot dogs for us, plus we’ll have salads, chips, appetizers and desserts. Please come for an evening of food, fellowship and fun!!

HELP NEEDED — Egg cartons and empty, clear 2-liter bottles are being collected during May and June. There is a collection container near the coat rack by the men’s restrooms.

MEN’S BIBLE GROUP — The men’s group continues to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:00—7:30 p.m. for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and service work. If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Tim Lorang.

SAVE THE DATE — The annual Independence Day Fireworks Celebration and Cookout will be Wednesday, July 3.

VBS — *Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World* is the theme of this summer’s Vacation Bible School. Look forward to Galaxy snacks, Blast-Off games, Marvelously Made music and Bible stories that show how Jesus saves us. Several positions will need to be filled, so please prayerfully consider when asked to help. To register your children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, classmates, etc., please call the church office at 402-455-8700. You will also find VBS registrations forms as a bulletin insert beginning June 30. There is no cost to participate. Children ages 4 years to 6th grade are welcome. - Jody Wells-Padron

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Praying for Our Parish in 2019

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

May 13
Aryanna Hogue

May 13
Austin Wegner

May 17
Grant Wegner

May 17
Isabella Wegner