

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 8, 2022



**MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**"SHARING CHRIST, SERVING THE COMMUNITY"**  
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# Welcome to worship at Mt. Olive, we're glad you're with us today!

## As We Gather

Many people in the world are deaf to God's presence and certainly to His Word. Some people refused to believe when they physically met Jesus, as in today's Gospel. Paul had to warn church leaders that opposition might even come from within, from wolves in sheep's clothing. But by the grace of God in Scripture, we hear our Good Shepherd speaking to us about His grace and mercy. John's vision of the Lamb's eternal victory lets us hear the eternal praises of saints and angels in heaven. Today is an opportunity to tell one another in word and song about our faith, asking our brothers and sisters if they also are hearing all the good news about our Shepherd. We leave to ask our friends and neighbors the same question. What joy when they may say with us, "The Lord is my shepherd too!"

## + WE TURN OUR FOCUS TO WORSHIP +

Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn ♪

Spirit Song

All

Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Chorus

## God is with Us

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Lord, our God,  
People: we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son, our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

Pastor: Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### Prayer for the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,  
People: grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: Amen.

### First Reading

**Acts 20:17-35**

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I

am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there,<sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.<sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.<sup>25</sup> And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.<sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all,<sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.<sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.<sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;<sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.<sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.<sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.<sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.<sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.<sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## New Testament Letter

## Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,<sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"<sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,<sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"<sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Gospel Reading**

**John 10:22-30**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.  
**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles’ Creed**

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

Sermon

Pastor Carlos Hernandez

### Prayers of God's People

**Pastor:** Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

**People:** We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:  
**The LORD is my shepherd.**

**Pastor:** We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:

**People:** **I shall not want.**

**Pastor:** We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:

**People:** **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

**Pastor:** We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God's will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:

**People:** **He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

**Pastor:** We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*including . . .*], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:

**People:** **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

**Pastor:** We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:

**People:** **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Pastor: Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

### Offering

*To limit the contact of surfaces, your offerings and prayer requests may be placed in the wooden box on the way to the communion rail.*

### + SACRAMENT +

#### The Preparation 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

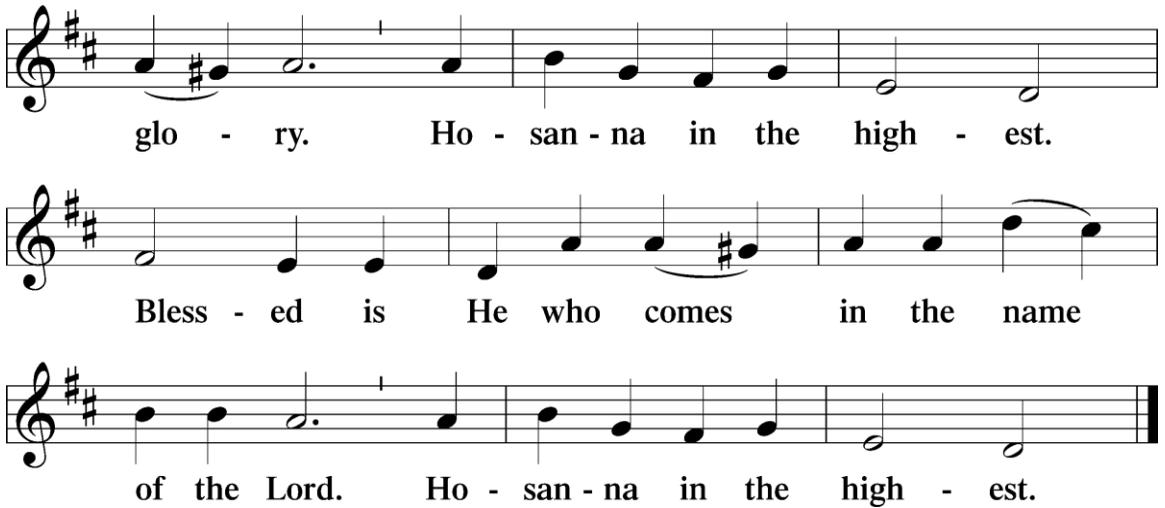
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

Hymnal P178

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.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13

Hymnal Back Cover

People: 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.

**The Words of Institution**

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**Reception**

♪ Distribution Song ♪

**The Love of God**

**All**

God's angels are watching over me.  
 Taking care of many things  
 That I don't even see  
 Thank You, Lord, for watching over me.

Jesus saved my life for good  
When He hung upon a cross  
And sacrificed His blood  
Thank You, Lord, you saved my life for good

The love of God unites in victory  
Giving life, to us all  
For eternity  
Thank You, God, for love and victory

God's Spirit guides us as we walk  
Bringing to remembrance  
All that Jesus taught  
Thank You, Lord, for guidance as we walk

The love of God unites in victory  
Giving life, to us all  
For eternity  
Thank You, God, for love and victory

### **Post Communion Collect**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

**People:** **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

**Pastor:** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **Benediction**

♪ Closing Song ♪

**Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

**Hymn #923**

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives to us in this meal not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim Jesus death and resurrection until He comes again. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy

Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that noted above and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23-24.; 10:32-33.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34. In preparation to reception of the Lord's Supper I invite you to consider these 4 questions: Am I a sinner? Am I sorry for my sin? Do I believe Jesus meets me with His body and blood and forgives me at this meal? Do I desire to live turning from my sin and walking in His ways?

**Serving Him this week as...**

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|----------------|---|
| Worship Leader | Pastor Carlos Hernandez   |
| Elders         | <b>Eric Baer</b> , Bruce Betts, Gary Kilbourne, Kyle Swan, Jim Rowe, Drew Wilson and Roger Zittel |
| Musician       | Mount Olive Gospel Group  |
| Readers        | <b>Eric Baer</b> , Gary Mark, Gary Kilbourne, Bruce Betts, Krista Hess, Kyle Swan and Amy Swan    |
| Altar Guild    | Karen Fontaine, Gail Zittel   |

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Happy Mother's Day!

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'" Proverbs 31:28-29*

### Sunday Service with Communion

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. We will be following current county mandates regarding face masks at our indoor worship services.

If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at [www.mountolivefolsom.com](http://www.mountolivefolsom.com).

### Bible Study

Men – Saturday at 8am in F-2 – Gary Kilbourne 916-203-7556

Women – Tuesday at 9:30am in F-2 – Inge Rhodes 916-983-0351

All – Sunday at 9am in the Annex – Kyle Swan 916-642-5810

### Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

May 15 Installation Service for Pastor Vang

May 30 Memorial Day

June 13-17 VBS Rainforest Explorers!

July 9-13 National Youth Gathering

### May Olive Leaf

Check your email inbox for May monthly newsletter. If you would prefer a paper copy you can pick one up in the back of the sanctuary or call or email the office to have one sent to your home.

### LWML

The ladies of the LWML would like to thank the members of the congregation for participating in our "Cookie Walk" last Sunday. We appreciate your support! Thanks to you we were able to make a sizable contribution to Mt. Olive Youth for their trip to the National Youth Gathering.

LWML Mite News-All California, Nevada, and Hawaii grants for the 2020-2022 biennium have been funded. Mt. Olive LWML wishes to thank you for your support with mites. Please continue to save your mites for the upcoming grants that will be voted on at the LWML convention June 10-12 at Sparks, Nevada. If interested in attending the convention please contact Lana Sullivan.

LWML meets the second Saturday of the month at 10am in the F2 classroom.

### Member News and Updates

Congratulations to Kristina Bauer who was recently engaged to David Drain! They covet your prayers for their impending marriage.

### Therapeutic Stretch Class

If you have aches or pains, join me at my THERAPEUTIC STRETCH CLASS! We will start with a fifteen-minute devotional using Jesus Calling and prayer and end with the evening devotional from Jesus Calling. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you have one. This class is free. If you have any questions, please call Jo Wazac 530-601-8251

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR MAY:

May 5 and 12 @ 3:30

No classes on May 19 and 26.

Classes will continue as usual in June.

### Prayer Requests and Praises

Please pray for Mia, the daughter of Mary Comstock (Office Manager) who sustained her third and worst concussion in four years this week. Please pray for no lasting effects or damage and that she heals completely.

*If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.*