

Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022



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"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

In light of Christ's eternal victory, we should expect change in our daily living. For example, although they were called to be fishers of men, in today's Gospel, the disciples learned that they needed to listen to their Lord even when fishing for fish. Change for Peter would mean moving from regretting his past (where he denied his Lord) to feeding Christ's flock. And for Saul (Paul), Christ's eternal, living presence would mean changing from catching Christians to proclaiming Christ before Gentiles and kings. The heavenly host in the Reading from Revelation sing their eternal songs of praise to the Lamb on the throne. How might our risen Lord's eternal victory over sin and evil change us so that we echo their praises already here in time?

+ WE TURN OUR FOCUS TO WORSHIP +

Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn ♪

Be Strong in the Lord

Hymn #665

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: We have come to worship our great God. However, in our sinful condition, we cannot get near to Him. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

People: I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.

Pastor: By the grace of God, there is One who is worthy to take our requests for forgiveness to God's throne of grace. Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore 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.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.

People: Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys;
Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

9 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Revelation 5:1-14

5 Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

21 After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Hymnal Back Cover

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

♪ Hymn of the Day ♪ All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Vv. 1-3, 6, 7 Hymn #549

Sermon

Pastor Carlos Hernandez

Prayers of God's People

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, for all members of the Body of Christ as we proclaim His resurrection, and for all people in their various needs.

People: Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for
worthy is the Lamb!

Pastor: Guide Your Church, Lord Jesus, as she witnesses to Your victory over sin and death. Direct all who announce the Gospel promise of eternity in Your presence and protect all the newly-baptized as they grow in understanding Your love. Use all agencies of health and welfare, as well as the governments of the nations, so that peace and prosperity may be realized for all people. Grant insight into the world around us through ongoing scientific research so that we may more fully enjoy Your good creation.

People: Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for
worthy is the Lamb!

Pastor: Grant favorable weather, Lord our God, that crops produce bounty and famine be lessened. Remove the shackles of people suffering from injustice and

oppression. Surround them with caring instruments of Your love. Accompany first responders at home and armed forces deployed that peace and harmony may break out in all levels of human society.

People: Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for **worthy is the Lamb!**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, be among us here in this place and wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. In Your mercy, give us strength and opportunity to grow in love toward one another and in service to our communities. We pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially* . . .]. Grant them health, healing, and comfort.

People: Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for **worthy is the Lamb! 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 singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; All glo - ry, love di - vine.
 We of - fer You this song of praise; For You have made us Thine.

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

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death
 until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, Lamb of God - You take a-way the sin of the world.
 You give us new life. You save us by Your grace.
 Feed us, guide us, Keep us in Your peace.

Reception

♪ Distribution Song ♪

Just As I Am

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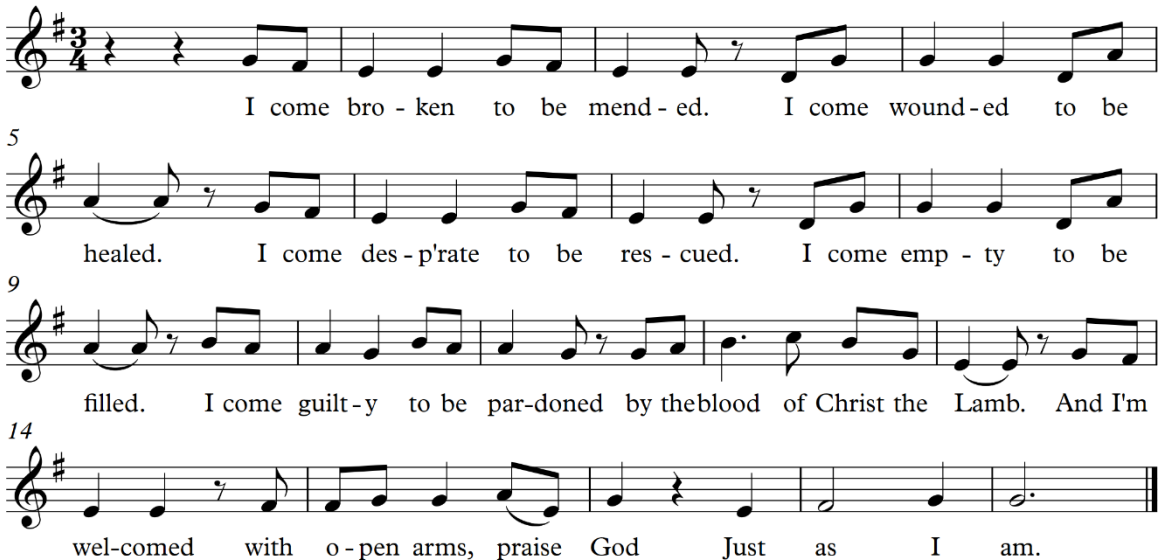
Just as I am without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God I come, I come

Chorus

Just as I am I would be lost, Your mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now to glory in Your cross, O Lamb of God I come, I come

Chorus twice



I come bro - ken to be mend - ed. I come wound - ed to be
5 healed. I come des - p'rate to be res - cued. I come emp - ty to be
9 filled. I come guilt - y to be par - doned by the blood of Christ the Lamb. And I'm
14 wel - comed with o - pen arms, praise God Just as I am.

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

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...

Worship Leader	Pastor Carlos Hernandez
Elders	Eric Baer, Bruce Betts, Gary Kilbourne, Kyle Swan Jim Rowe, Drew Wilson, and Roger Zittel
Musicians	Mount Olive Gospel Group
Readers	Gary Mark, Gary Kilbourne, Bruce Betts, Krista Hess, Kyle Swan, Amy Swan
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

LWML

Today, the LWML is having our annual Cookie Walk! Please stop by the Annex after church to purchase some yummy homemade cookies lovingly baked by the ladies of the LWML. We appreciate your support!

LWML will be meeting the second Saturday of the month at 10am in the F2 classroom.

Installation Ceremony and Dinner

Please plan to attend the Installation Ceremony for Pastor Daniel Vang on Sunday, May 15 at 4pm. There will be a catered dinner and reception to welcome the Vang family following the ceremony at 5:15pm. RSVP to Eric Baer at 916-985-6454 or by emailing him at ebaer163@gmail.com by May 1st.

Gratitude Lunch

Join us as we recognize with gratitude Pastor Hernandez's servitude toward us as he filled in as our interim Pastor for the past year. We will be having lunch at the Spaghetti Factory following the Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, May 22. RSVP to Eric Baer at 916-985-6454 or by emailing him at ebaer163@gmail.com by May 1st so that we can make reservations with an accurate head count.

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 a prayer and end with the evening devotional from Jesus Calling. Class will be in the Annex Thursdays 3:30 to 4:45. 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

Prayer Requests and Praises

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.