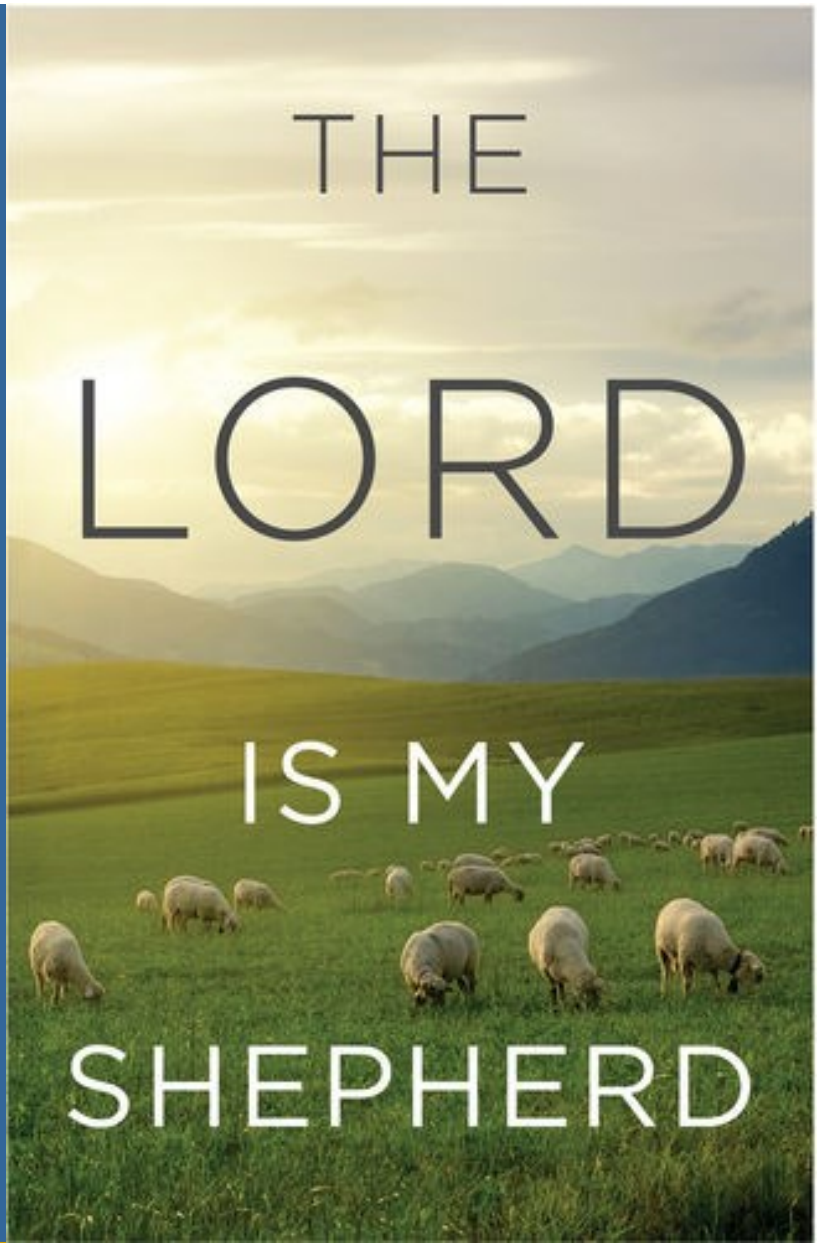


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THE  
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A Reconciling in  
Christ Community

Saturday, March 21, 2020  
5:00 pm  
Sunday, March 22, 2020  
8:00 am & 10:30 am

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**Mount Olive** is a welcoming and inclusive congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serving our neighbors in Rochester, Minnesota.

*Our core identity is lived out in four ways:  
Worship, Service, Education, and Fellowship.*

### **Mount Olive's Welcome Statement:**

*"We trust that God calls Mount Olive Lutheran Church to a ministry of reconciliation. We embrace as a gift the diversity of our neighborhood and the world, and we extend God's hospitality by welcoming, hearing, and treasuring: All gender identities and sexual orientations, all races and ethnicities, all ages and abilities, all economic statuses and education levels, all faith journeys and personal histories. As Christ welcomes all, we too welcome the full inclusion of all people into the life, ministry, and sacraments of Mount Olive, joining in a journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect."*

## **GATHERING**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. Amen.

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

**C: Amen**



## GATHERING HYMN

## "God, Whose Almighty Word"

ELW #673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## WORD

Fourth Sunday in Lent

### PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 23

P: A reading from the Psalms.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

<sup>2</sup>he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

**“A Psalm We Need to Hear”**

Pastor Glenn Monson

*A moment of silence follows the sermon.*



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Lead Me, Guide Me”**

**ELW #768**

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you  
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
 day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to  
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my  
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
 blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

**D.C.**  
 dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
 let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.** *(Please share words of God's peace with one another.)*

# MEAL

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

L: Let us pray:

C: **Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

Gathered at the Lord's table, and around our own, we remember with thanksgiving that "in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Holy God, we long for Spirit,. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gifts of peace and healing on earth. All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever, Amen



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it. All are welcome here.

[Share the bread with one another, saying, "The body of Christ, given for you." Share the wine with one another saying, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."]

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Merciful God, in the stillness of our souls we listen for your voice to know again that you are God. Quiet our restless hearts with the knowledge that you are near us, keeping watch over your own. Rekindle our faith and light the lamp of hope within our hearts. Then take us by the hand into each day that lies ahead, for where you lead we can confidently go with Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

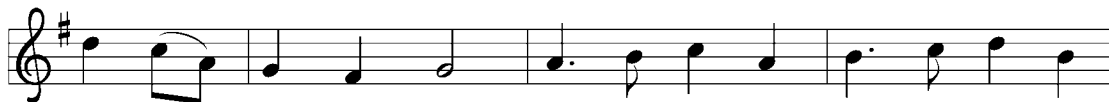
P: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace. Amen.



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## DISMISSAL

L: Be at peace. Christ is with you.

### Next Week's Readings:

#### **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*The dry bones of Israel  
brought to life*

#### **Psalms 130**

I wait for you, O LORD;  
in your word is my  
hope.

#### **Romans 8:6-11**

*Life in the Spirit*

#### **John 11:1-45**

*Baptismal image: the  
raising of Lazarus*





## Welcome, Worship Guests!

Thank you for joining us in online worship today. You are always welcome. You may also visit our website, [www.molive.org](http://www.molive.org), to learn about other ways you can be part of life at Mount Olive in this "exilic" time.

Online classes, devotions, and suggestions for support and service are available to you as well. God's peace be yours.



## Congregational prayers for healing and comfort ...

- ◆ Mount Olive members who are ill, grieving, or recovering from injury.
- ◆ Those sick, recovering, anxious, homebound, or grieving because of COVID 19.
- ◆ All homebound members

We pray that the good news of Christ's death and resurrection might be proclaimed through our companion congregations in Kijota, Tanzania and Bogota, Colombia. Grant that their good works might shine in the darkness, bringing glory to God and blessing to all.

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Presiding Minister	Intern Pastor Luke Hollander
Organist	Deacon Travis Beck
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