



Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together, that our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament strengthens us for our work as people of God in this and in every place.

An elevator to the lower and street levels can be found at the northwest corner of the education wing. Restrooms are located on the main floor and lower level. Turn right as you exit the narthex, then turn left. Restrooms are at the end of the hall, next to the elevator. Please ask an usher if you need assistance!

Mount Olive is equipped with a hearing assist loop. If you use a hearing aid equipped with a T-Coil, switch your device to T-Coil to access. If your aid does not have that option, small headsets are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Helps for following the liturgy: Numbers marked with the word “page...” in small case are in the front portion of the hymnal at the bottom left and right corners of the page. Numbers marked with the word “HYMN...” are in the back portion of the hymnal in the upper left and right corners of the page. Note that the psalms are numbered as hymns 1-150.

Hymns 901-1100 are found in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*, and are indicated as “ACS HYMN ...”

Focus on the Season: The Ascension of Our Lord

Today the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we, too, find Christ’s presence among us as we proclaim the Word and share the Easter feast with all God’s children.

The Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 18, 2023 ✝ 7:00 p.m.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Improvisation: “The Ascension”

AT THE PROCESSION *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*

“Hail Thee, Festival Day!”

HYMN 394

Refrain: All

Stanzas 1, 2 – All (Ascension)

Stanza 4 – Low voices

Stanza 3 – Treble voices

Stanzas 5, 6 – All

GREETING



P: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - - - - - en!



All: Christ is ris - - - - - sen in-deed! Al - le - lu - ia!

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. Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

(seated)

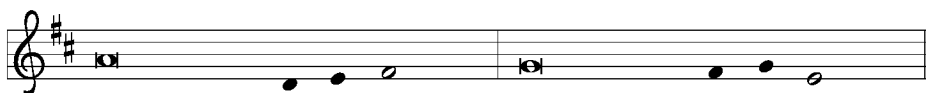
Response: **☒ Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 47

The antiphon is sung by all at the beginning and following verse 9.



The verses are sung by all, using the following tone.



SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

Response: **☒ Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

(standing to face the cross)

“Look, Oh, Look, the Sight is Glorious!”

Stanzas 1 and 2 are sung before the reading.

Stanzas 3 and 4 are sung following the reading.



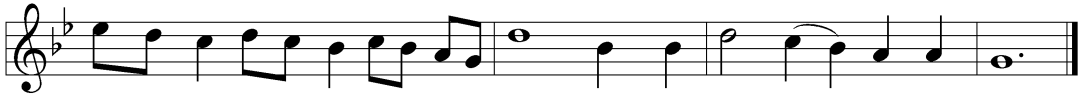
- 1 Look, oh, look, the sight is glo - rious, see the man of sor - rows now;
- 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels crown him! Rich the tro - phies Je - sus brings;
- 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, mock - ing thus the Sav - ior's claim;
- 4 Hark! Those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark! Those loud tri - um - phant chords!



from the fight re - turned vic - to - rious, ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow.
on the seat of pow'r en - throne him while the vault of heav - en rings.
saints and an - gels crowd a - round him, own his ti - tle, praise his name.
Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion; oh, what joy the sight af - fords!



Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!



Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
 Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings.
 Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame!
 King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

Response after the announcement: **☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.

SERMON

Looking In a Different Direction

Following the sermon a brief silence is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of Light”

(standing)
HYMN 688

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 2 – Low voices; All in harmony at “by the victories ...”

Stanza 3 – Treble voices; All in harmony at “lift the nations ...”

Stanza 4 – All

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

It is customary to remain standing for prayer during the celebration of Easter.

Response: **☩ hear our prayer.**

PEACE

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

OFFERING

(seated)

OFFERTORY

(standing as the gifts are brought forward)

“Thee We Adore”

HYMN 476

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy and blessed Triune One . . . the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is—ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

☐ With this bread and cup . . . into your life and love.



A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus.

☐ Come among us now . . . and find new life.



A - men! Come, Ho-ly Spi - rit.

☐ Shape now your Church . . . now and forever.



A - men, a - men,— a - men.

Lord's Prayer

(chanted by all on a single tone)

“Our Father in heaven...”

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AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

All are welcome to God's Table of grace. Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup. The bread is gluten-free.

If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.

“Christ Our Passover”

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff contains the second line, starting with 'Christ'. The third staff contains the third line, starting with 'there - fore'. The fourth staff contains the final line of the Alleluia. The music is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes.

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYMN 392

Stanzas 2 and 4 may be sung in harmony.

TABLE BLESSING

(standing)

Response: **☩ Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response: **☩ Amen.**

The Liturgy of Sending

BLESSING

Response: **☩ Amen.**

DISMISSAL

- Ⓐ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- Ⓐ Go in peace. Share the Good News!
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation

WORSHIP LEADERS

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| Presiding Minister & Preacher | Pastor Joseph Crippen |
| Organist | Cantor David Cherwien |
| Sacristan | Lora Dundek |
| Assisting Minister | Art Halbardier |
| Eucharistic Minister | Vicar Mollie Hamre |
| Crucifer | Jan Harbaugh |
| Lector | Andrew Andersen |
| Acolytes | Carol Austermann, John Meyer |
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