



Welcome to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

# MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## As We Gather

*The closing prayer of the funeral service begins with these words: "Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home." Describing Jesus as a Shepherd is a special image used in prayers, hymns, and Christian artwork. The believer receives a sense of assurance in knowing that the One being followed throughout life is Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The fact that our Lord chooses to repeat the words "I am the Good Shepherd" more than once indicates its importance to Him and to us. As we follow Jesus, we can be confident that He will lead us into that place where goodness and righteousness are eternal.*

## Welcome and Introduction

### 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

## Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 16:1–2, 5–6, 9, 11*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

**People: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."**

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

**People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**People: You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 85:1–2, 7*

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

**People: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

**People: You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

**People: and grant us Your salvation.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

**People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not extended ourselves to bring Your peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that needs Your forgiving grace and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

### 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740 sts. 1, 3



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, 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; 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**  
**Epistle**  
**Holy Gospel**

*Acts 2:42–47*  
*1 Peter 2:19–25*  
*John 10:1–10*

**Children’s Message**

**709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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**Sermon**



## **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.**

## **Offering**

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found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

## **Offering Prayer**

**Pastor:** Let us pray

**People:** **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us:  
ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our Prayer**

# Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

## Closing Hymn

### 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

LSB 864



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in  
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -  
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -  
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,  
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -  
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You  
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our  
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O  
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing  
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace  
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;  
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word  
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.  
You so might save our race And give us life.  
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.  
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.  
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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## **Announcements**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reader:

Acolyte: Maggie Freeman

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Debra Fitz in celebration of her cousin, Tony's, Birthday.

**Last Sunday: 44**

### **April Offerings**

Month to Date: \$23,517

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