The Fourth Sunday of Easter, year B

April 25, 2021 ✝ Mount Olive Lutheran Church

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Focus on the Season: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, year B

Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd – this is how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. The elder in 1 John says one way we lay down our lives for one another is by sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

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Centering and Gathering

Light your candle. ***Start the video by clicking here****; it will continue through the Postlude.*

PRELUDE: "God is My Shepherd," no. 4 from *Biblical Songs*, op. 99 Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904)

Chandler Molbert, baritone; recorded at Mount Olive on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

HYMN: *ELW* 385, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

Introduction played on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, year A, May 7, 2017. Stanzas were sung on the Resurrection of Our Lord, year B, April 1, 2018.

EASTER GREETING

℗ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

℃ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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

℃ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *ELW* page 196, "This is the feast…"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, year A, May 28, 2017.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Word

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12; reader – Al Bostelmann, lector

PSALMODY: Psalm 23

[1]The LORD | is my shepherd; * I shall not | be in want.
[2]The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures * and leads me be- | side still waters.
[3]You restore my | soul, O LORD, * and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
[4]Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.
[5]You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; * you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
[6]Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, year C, April 17, 2016

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24; reader – Consuelo Crosby, assisting minister

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *ELW* 388, "Be Not Afraid" *sung before and after the Gospel*

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, year C, April 17, 2016.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

SERMON **Other Sheep** Pastor Joseph Crippen

Silence for reflection.

HYMN: *ELW* 650, "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Epiphany, Lect. 3 C, January 27, 2019.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Our Assisting Minister for today, Consuelo Crosby, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: ***Hear our prayer***.

LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING

There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See: https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/

Sending

BLESSING

Response: ***Amen***

SENDING HYMN: *ELW* 544, "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

Sung at Mount Olive on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, year B, April 22, 2018.

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

Recorded at Mount Olive on April 21, 2021.

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In Our Prayers

- *Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dwight Penas; Don Shifflet; Rhoda Nelson; Susan Cherwien; Julia Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel, Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Carla Manuel; Lisa Nordeen; Jerry Ostlund; Evelyn Royce; Pariann Schenk; James Wilkes; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linquist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Eileen LaFontaine and Vince & Janine DeLusia, friends of Cynthia Prosek; Sue Smith and Steve Swanson, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesher Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Peg Boyle, mother of Amy Thompson; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilke, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.*
- ***At the death of:** Howard Rand, former member of Mount Olive; Ellen Katsoulis, friend of Carol Martinson; Kathryn Glick, aunt/godmother of Kathy Thurston.*
- ***For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Joyce Bakke, Neil Hering, Ellie Demitrius, Eleanor Crippen, Margaret Bostelmann, and Adam Peterson.*

- ***Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world*** *who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.*
- ***Our continual prayers are offered for peace:*** *We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.*
- ***We remember the saints who have gone before us:***

  April 25: *St. Mark, Evangelist* – He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

  April 29: *St. Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380* – This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

  May 1: *St. Philip and St. James, Apostles* – Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Later, he introduced some Greek inquirers to Jesus. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.