

# *Welcome to Messiah Lutheran* *+ Third Sunday of Easter +*



The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples. These meals become the Easter template for the meal we share in Holy Communion. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food, and shares the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures. The Meal and the Word are the mainstays of our worship time together!

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# *Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church*

*The mission of Messiah Lutheran Church is to glorify Christ,  
by nurturing our faith, sharing His love, and teaching His Word.*

*April 18, 2021*

*9:15 a.m.*

*~ We Gather for Worship ~*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK on Camp Emmaus:** *Chris Andreason, Director*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

L: We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**C: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

L: Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**C: Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.**

L: To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING SONG: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” – ELW 857**  
(Sing twice)

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I’m so glad you’re in my life, I’m so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord I lift your name on high.

**EASTER LITANY:**

L: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God’s love!

**C: We are called to be Easter people!**


L: Darkness cannot claim us!

**C: Fear cannot bind us!**


L: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.**


**At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing**



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death’s dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um - phant go -  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat — we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

**5 Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy!**  
**From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be.**  
**Alleluia!**

### **\*GREETING:**

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.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray: **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM 4**

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
the Lord will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “The Strife is O’er the Battle Done” ELW 366**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,  
From death’s sting free your servants too,  
That we may live and sing to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON SONG: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” - ELW 619**

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;  
he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart;  
he lives all blessings to impart.

## SERMON

*~ We Respond as God's People ~*

### **\*NICENE CREED:**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

### **OFFERING MOMENT:**

Holy One, you have abundantly given yourself to us.

**We ask that you receive what we humbly offer now.**

Transform these gifts by your Spirit's power...

**To proclaim and enact your peace, justice, and love in the world!**

**OFFERTORY:** *Sing as gifts are brought forward to the altar.*

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*~ We Share in Our Lord's Presence ~*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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.

The body of Christ given for you ... *eat of the bread*

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.

The blood of Christ shed for you ... *drink of the cup*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**



~ We Are Sent to Serve ~

**\*CLOSING SONG: "Baptized and Set Free" - ELW 453**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

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## *Week at a Glance*

<p><u><b>Sunday, April 18</b></u>  <b>10:00am: Sunday School</b>  <b>10:30am: Worship Service w/Communion/</b>  <b>Guest Speaker, Chris Andreas (Pathways)</b>  <b>10:30am: FB Live</b>  <b>11:30pm: Youth Praise Band Practice</b>  <b>7:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade YG via Zoom</b></p> <p><u><b>Tuesday, April 20</b></u>  <b>5:30pm: Council Meeting</b></p> <p><u><b>Wednesday, April 21</b></u>  <b>3:3-pm: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3rd YG</b>  <b>5:15pm Bells Practice</b>  <b>5:30pm: Confirmation “TO GO BOX”</b>  <b>Suppers</b>  <b>6:00pm: 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation</b>  <b>(7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Will Be Online)</b>  <b>7:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade R.O.C.K.</b>  <b>7:00pm: Committee Night Blitz Meeting @</b>  <b>MOE</b></p> <p><u><b>Thursday, April 22</b></u>  <b>3:00pm: Girl Scouts Using Library Room</b></p>	<p><u><b>Sunday, April 25</b></u>  <b>Blanket Sunday - Special Offering</b>  <b>10:00am: Sunday School</b>  <b>10:30am: Worship Service</b>  <b>10:30am: FB Live</b>  <b>11:30am: Youth Praise Band</b>  <b>7:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade YG Via Zoom</b></p> <p><u><b>Tuesday, April 27</b></u>  <b>Packing Quilts</b></p> <p><u><b>Wednesday, April 28</b></u>  <b>3:30pm: 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group</b>  <b>5:15pm: Bells Practice</b>  <b>5:30pm: Confirmation PIZZA PARTY</b>  <b>6:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation</b>  <b>Classes (Last Day)</b>  <b>7:00pm: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade R.O.C.K.</b></p>
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## *Announcements*

**This morning, we welcome Chris Andreason to our worship service and Sunday School!** Chris is the new Executive Director of Pathways and will be sharing about the many exciting things that are happening at Camp Emmaus this summer. Brochures with the summer camping schedule are available in the narthex. To register your youth for Camp Emmaus, go to [pathwaysbiblecamps.org](http://pathwaysbiblecamps.org).

**Sarah Wahlberg Scholarship Applications** can be picked up at the church office or found on the Messiah Church website at [messiahroseau.net](http://messiahroseau.net) under the Resources tab. **The application deadline is April 19, 2021 for graduating Seniors and July 1, 2021 for returning students!**

**“Committee Night Blitz” on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:00 PM:** This meeting is for ALL Messiah Committee members. The purpose of this meeting is to create some new energy and do calendar planning for September 2021- May 2022. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will be meeting at **MOE** in the Fellowship Hall! This is due to youth activities needing all available space at Messiah that night. Thanks!

**“Renewal in Faith” Art Event ~ Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM at Moe:** Deacon Joanne and Janet Johnson are hosting an event designed to refresh and renew your creative and spiritual self! Janet will provide materials and creative inspiration for each participant to create a 16”x20” gallery wrapped canvas painting. Deacon Joanne will offer devotional

reflections on the theme of RENEWAL in FAITH. Email [deaconjoannemlc@gmail.com](mailto:deaconjoannemlc@gmail.com) to register by Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>! Registration will be limited to 20 participants. Cost will be \$25 per participant. *If two or more from the same family register, the first participant's registration is \$25, but additional registrations are \$10!* Proceeds from the event will be given to Lutheran World Relief Global Barnyard to bring renewal and sustainability to families struggling with hunger.

**Blanket Sunday Celebration on Sunday, April 25:** Join us as we recognize, celebrate, and bless the hard work of our Quilters on the 25<sup>th</sup>! At the conclusion of the service, we will be collecting a special offering to help offset the shipping costs of quilts going to Lutheran World Relief. *LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year.* We are pleased that through our faithful quilters, Messiah can play a part in sharing warmth and love, for needs both locally, and throughout the world!

**Please Donate Your Printer Cartridges!** There is a box below the church mailboxes with a list of the empty Printer, Copier and Fax Cartridges/Toners/Drums etc., that we could return to raise church funds.

**Tin Cups Offering:** Donations will go towards the Messiah Summer Day Camp which will be the first week in August!

**Backpack for Kids:** \$540.07 was collected from the Lenten box offering. Thank you for sharing the compassion of Christ through this special offering opportunity!

**REMINDER!** As you do your spring cleaning, please keep in mind the Messiah quilters and Bell Choir. The quilters are replenishing their supply of sheets and fabric and donations can be left at the church office or put on the shelf just off the Sunday school wing. Also, the Bell Choir will be having their annual rummage sale. We have decided it will be held probably in August. As you go through your household items, please hold them for us. We will take anything except clothes. We will ask for the items right before the sale. Watch for further information.

**“Lord, Hear our Prayer”:** If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we would love to pray for you! You can be placed on the confidential prayer chain by reaching out to Messiah's Prayer Chain Coordinator, Mary Olson (218-463-2364). To make a request for prayers during worship, fill out the prayer request form found on the table in the narthex and turn in to the church office. *If you have any questions, please feel free to ask either Mary, Deacon Joanne, or Pastor Dave.*

**Worship Service Sunday, April 11, 2021**  
**Attendance: 52; Offering: \$1,130; Direct Debit: \$600**

## *Staying connected*

*Thank you for worshiping with us in person, or on Facebook Live!*

**FaceBook Live:** Go to Messiah's Facebook page to watch livestream video of worship at 10:30am.

**Radio Broadcast:** Tune in to WILD 102 at 11 AM to listen to the morning service from Moe

**Breeze App:** If you watch Facebook Live of our worship service, please Check in to today's worship via the Breeze app on your phone.

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### ***Worship Servers for Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>***

**Communion:** Barb Erickson./Kathy Howard

**Reader:** Dave Grafstrom

**Greeter:** Paul Grafstrom/ John Wahlberg

**Sound Booth:** Marty Trangsrud

**Council Rep:** Marty Trangsrud

**Counters:** Dave & Sharon Grafstrom

### ***Worship Servers for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>***

**No Communion**

**Reader:** Mark Wilson

**Greeter:** Stuart McFarlane

**Sound Booth:** Bob Tuttle/Andrew Tuttle

**Council Rep:** Stuart McFarlane

**Counters:** Duane & Barb Erickson