# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran

3rd Sunday in Easter - April 23, 2023



#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Risen Christ, we give you thanks for the grace filled waters of baptism that lead us from death to life!

Your Spirit comes and revives us like rain to a thirsting earth!

Breathe your peace upon us when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy, forgiveness, and peace. Cleanse our hearts, Risen One!
Bring us to resurrected life in You!

With joy we celebrate our Lord's victory over sin and death! We are His people and sing His praise forever! **Alleluia!** 

GATHERING SONG: ""Baptized and Set Free"

ELW 453

#### **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: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36a</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter

said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me. therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pands of Sheol laid hold on me: I suffered distress and anguish.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

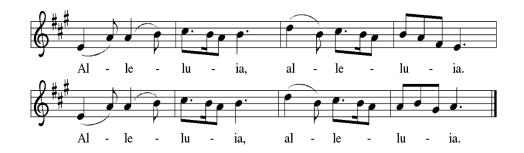
<sup>17</sup>I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the LORD. in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Celtic Alleluia"

**ELW 174** 



**GOSPEL:** Luke 24:13-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes

were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem: and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35Then they told what had happened on the road. and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## SERMON SONG: "Day of Arising"

ELW 374



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#### SERMON

# **RECOGNITION OF QUILTERS & BLESSING OF THE QUILTS:**

Lord Jesus, your gracious presence brings love and light to the darkest corners.

Thank you for the honor of sharing your love with neighbors around the world!

We give you thanks for the hands that collected and sorted fabric, for the hands that sewed and tied, for the hands that have worked continually to wrap our neighbors in love.

May these quilts bring hope and healing to those who need it most!

We ask you to guide the staff and partners at Lutheran World Relief. Keep them safe when aiding those who are in crisis. Fill them with your strength and perseverance.

May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope to the suffering!

We know not where these quilts will travel or who they will help, but we know they will serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Be with all who receive a quilt and bless their life with your comfort and compassion.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Source of all hope! Amen.

#### **PRAYERS**

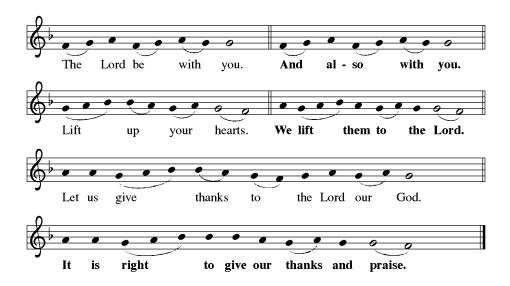
#### **OFFERING**

#### OFFERTORY:

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" (Verse 1) ELW 385

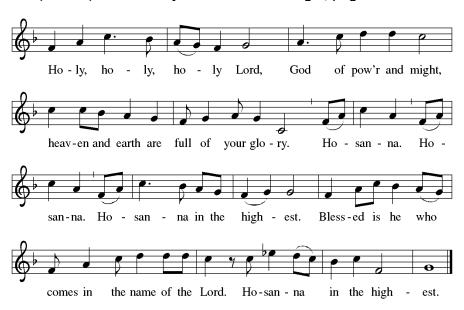
Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GREAT THANKSGIVING: Holy Communion Setting 3, page 144



### **PREFACE**

# HOLY, HOLY: Holy Communion Setting 3, page 144



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER:

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

**INVITATION:** The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ELW 543

#### DISMISSAL:

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God!