

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran

+ Second Sunday of Easter +



The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

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

April 11, 2021

10:30 a.m.

~ We Gather for Worship ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” – ELW 365

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

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!

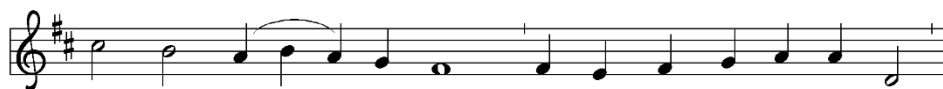
L: Christ is risen!

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!

***GREETING:**

L: 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:**

Let us pray: **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

~ We Hear God's Word ~

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

PSALM 95:1-6

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

²**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

⁶**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "The Strife is O'er the Battle Done" ELW 366**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst;
Jesus their legions has dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th chapter.

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON SONG: "Show Me Your Hands, Your Feet, Your Side"

Using Tune: "My God How Wonderful Thou Art" – ELW 863

- 1 Show me your hands, your feet, your side; I will not be de-ceived.
Un-less I see, how can I trust, the news that I've received?
- 2 Fear not! Let peace be in your soul, Reach out and touch and know
I died and yet I am a-live, with wounds that ev-er show.

- 3 Not e-ven Eas-ter takes a-way, the marks that Je-sus bears.
The Ri-sen Christ still wears the wounds, of scourge and nail and spear.
- 4 So blessed are those who have not seen, Yet cry, "My Lord and God!"
Who touch earth's pain in Je-sus' name, and tell good news a-broad.

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.**

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!

PRAYERS

*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: “Hallelujah! Jesus Lives” - ELW 380

- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.

- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice.
Praise him, ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song,
cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway
sin and death and hell obey.

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

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

<i>Week at a Glance</i>	
<u><i>Sunday, April 11</i></u> 10:00am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship Service 10:30am: FB Live No Youth Ministry Activities this day, as Jay on vacation.	<u><i>Sunday, April 18</i></u> 10:00am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship Service w/Communion/Blanket Sunday Offering/ Guest Speaker, Chris Andreas (Pathways Exec. Dir.) 10:30am: FB Live 1pm: Youth Praise Band Practice 7:00pm: 7 th – 12 th Grade YG via Zoom
<u><i>Monday, April 12 (Jay Back)</i></u> 1:00pm: Quilting 6:00pm: Youth Committee Zoom Meeting	<u><i>Tuesday, April 20</i></u> 5:30pm: Council Meeting
<u><i>Tuesday, April 13</i></u> 10:00am: Quilting	<u><i>Wednesday, April 21</i></u> 3:30pm: 1 st – 3 rd YG 5:30pm: Confirmation “TO GO BOX” Suppers 6:00pm: 7 th , 8 th & 9 th Grade Confirmation Classes 7:00pm: 7 th -12 th Grade R.O.C.K.
<u><i>Wednesday, April 14 (Pastor Dave & Deacon Joanne out of office 14th thru 17th)</i></u> 3:30pm: 4 th -6 th Grade Youth Group 5:30pm: Confirmation ‘To Go Box Supper’ 6:00pm: 7 th , 8 th Grade Confirmation Classes 7:00pm: 7 th -12 th Grade R.O.C.K.	<u><i>Thursday, April 22</i></u> 3:30pm: Girl Scouts using Library Room
<u><i>Thursday, April 15</i></u> 4:00pm: Registration Deadline for 7 th – 11 th Graders to sign up for 2022 ELCA Minneapolis Youth Gathering! (\$150 and Registration form to Messiah office).	<u><i>Sunday, April 25th</i></u> Blanket Sunday

Announcements

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

Tin Cups Offering: Donations will go towards the Messiah Summer Day Camps.

Summer Bible Camp season is fast approaching! Camp Emmaus brochures are now available in the narthex. Located on beautiful Lake Morgan just outside of Menahga, MN, Camp Emmaus has over 340 wooded acres, offering lots of space to explore! Go to <https://pathwaysbiblecamps.org/> for more information and to register for camp.

Camp Sunday, April 18th: Chris Andreason, the Executive Director of Pathways, will join us for Camp Sunday, April 18th. We will enjoy hearing great stories and singing fun Camp songs as we learn more about camping opportunities at Camp Emmaus, located outside of Menahga, MN. Chris will be joining us to share at worship and at Church School on the 18th!

Calling all Messiah Committee members! We are having a “COMMITTEE NIGHT BLITZ” - **Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:00 PM.** 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 the youth activities needing all available space at Messiah that night. Thanks!

Blanket Sunday, April 25th: Please join us for Blanket Sunday on April 25th during the 10:30 am worship service at Messiah. 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.

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.

Sarah Wahlberg Scholarship Applications can be picked up at the church office or found on the Messiah Church website at messiahroseau.net under the Resources tab. Application deadline is April 19, 2019 for graduating Seniors and July 1, 2019 for returning students!

“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.*

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.

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.

Worship Services on Maundy Thursday & Easter Sunday 2021
Attendance: 274; Offering: \$6,178; Direct Debit: \$600

Worship Servers for Sunday, April 11th

No Communion

Reader: Aimee Wilson

Greeter: Karyn Santl

Sound Booth: Paul Grafstrom

Council Rep: Karyn Santl

Counters: Warren & Marsha Hagen

Worship Servers for Sunday, April 18th

Communion: Barb Erickson./Kathy Howard

Reader: Dave Grafstrom

Greeter: Bob Tuttle

Sound Booth: Marty Trangsrud

Council Rep: Bob Tuttle

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