



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am - May 5, 2024

*Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church*

---

**PRELUDE** “To the Glory of God”  
& “Introit on Holy, Holy, Holy”  
*Bell Choir*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& TEMPLE TALK ON WORLD HUNGER**

### Welcome to Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



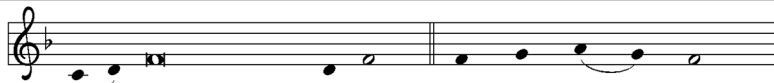
but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

GREETING

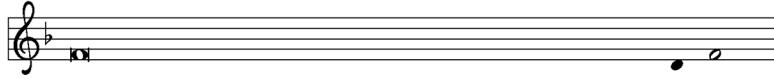
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

pg. 138



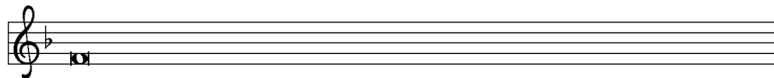
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



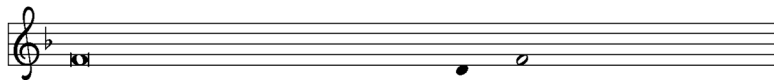
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This is the Feast"

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

Please  
be  
seated.

- <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the  
earth.**
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**SECOND READING**

1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Alleluia" p. 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Please  
stand  
as you  
are  
com-  
fortabl  
e in  
body  
or spir-  
it.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please  
be seated.

**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

#1038 “God, We Gather as Your People”



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.

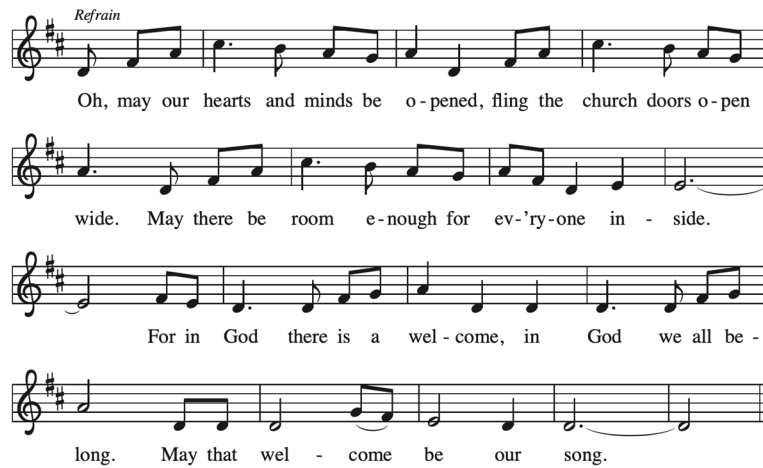


Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

*Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen  
wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.  
For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -  
long. May that wel - come be our song.

Please  
stand as  
you are  
comfort-  
able in  
body or  
spirit.

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

**BELL CHOIR**

Calypso on "He Leadeth Me"

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

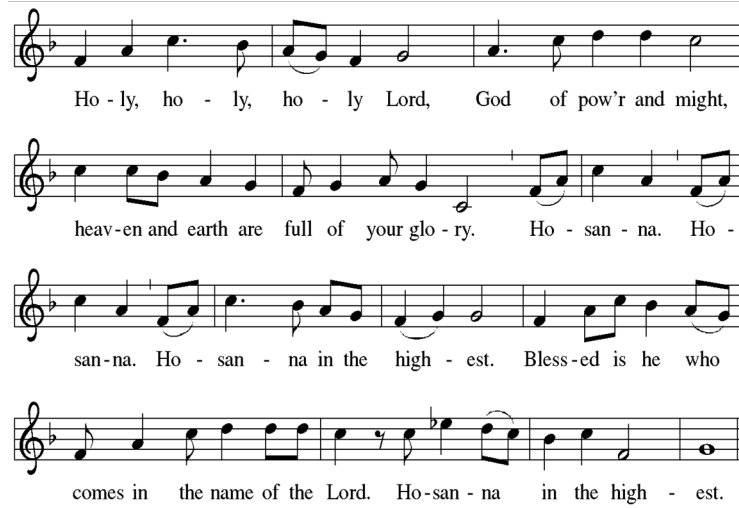
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ELW p.144)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...now and forever.

**Amen.**

### THE 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.**

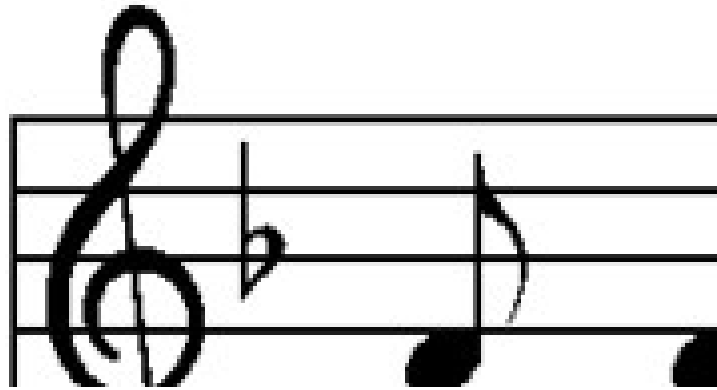
### COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW p. 146 "Lamb of God"

Please be  
seated.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



**Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.**

**Benediction:** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#637 “Holy God, Holy and Glorious”  
 #595 “Jesus Loves Me!”

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
 The God of resurrection power,  
 the Christ of unending joy,  
 and the Spirit of Easter hope  
 † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      *ELW* #836 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the gloom of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re-joyce in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

### SENDING

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *Bell Choir*

**Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church**




**Children belong in worship!**  
Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!



**God calls us to welcome everyone!**  
Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.



**Worship should be accessible!**  
Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.



**All are welcome at Jesus' table!**  
During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.



**God calls us to pray!**  
Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

**Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church**

305 W. Magnetic St., Marquette Michigan  
906.225.1119 — [www.messiahlutheranmqt.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmqt.org)

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Preacher:              | Pr. Andrew Plocher                           |
| Liturgist::            | Pr. Molly Hunter                             |
| Assisting Minister:    | Larry Pagel                                  |
| Reader:                | Dave Blomquist                               |
| Ushers:                | Sam Elder, Bruce Robertson                   |
| Communion Assistants:  | Dave Blomquist, Beth Krzrnarich, Larry Pagel |
| Greeters:              |  |
| Organist:              | Jon Banitt                                   |
| Senior Choir Director: | Sara Parks                                   |
| Audio Technician:      | Dan Zini                                     |
| Livestream Technician: | Traci Zini                                   |
| Nursery:               | Jamie Dodge                                  |
| Flower Delivery:       | Ruth Circle                                  |

Acknowledgements:  
Copyright 2016 Augsburg Fortress. All Rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103648. Music printed by permission under OneLicense #A-703344. Scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission.

**No cash or checkbook? No problem.**  
You can donate through Venmo or on our website at: [messiahlutheranmqt.org/give](http://messiahlutheranmqt.org/give)

If you wish to designate your donation to a specific fund, please be sure to do so. Any undesignated donations automatically go to our general fund which supports the entirety of our ministry.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church  
@messiahlutheranmqt



**venmo**