



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am - May 5, 2024

*Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church*

**PRELUDE** “To the Glory of God” & “Intoit 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!

## GATHERING HYMN

“Second Chance”  
The Rend Collective

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

**VERSE 1 & 2**

*♩ = 72*

D A

1. My fu - ture hangs on this, You make pre - cious - ness from dust. Please  
(2. When) sin and ug - li - ness col - lide with re - demp - tion's kiss, beau -

5 don't stop cre - at - ing me. Your blood of - fers the chance to re -  
ty a - wak - ens by ro - mance. Al - ways in - side this mess I have

6 wind to in - no - cence, re - born, per - fect as a child. Oh, Your cross, it  
found for - give - ness; Mer - cy as in - fi - nite as You.

D Bm7 G2 D A Bm7 G2

10 chang - es ev - 'ry - thing; There my world be - gins a - new with You. Oh, Your cross, it's

**INSTRUMENTAL**

I

14 D Bm7 G2 D  
where my hope re - starts. A sec - ond chance is heav - en's heart.

(1) | 2

18 A G D A Bm7 G2 D  
2. When sec - ond chance is heav - en's heart.

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain text. **You are invited to read the bold portions.**

**BRIDGE 1a**

D A G2 D A D A

Count - less sec - ond chanc - es, we've been giv - en at the cross. cross. 3. Frag

**VERSE 3**

D A/C# G2

ments of bro - ken - ness sal - vaged by the art of grace; You craft life from our mis -

31 D A D A G2

takes. Black skies of my re - grets, out - shone by this kind - ness; New life dawns o - ver my

**CHORUS**

35 D A Bm7 G2 D Bm7 G2

soul. Oh, Your cross, it chang - es ev - 'ry - thing; There my world be -

39 D A Bm7 G2 D

gins a - new with You. Oh, Your cross, it's where my hope re - starts. A

**BRIDGE 1b**

42 Bm7 G2 D D D

sec - ond chance is heav - en's heart. heart. Count - less sec - ond

46 A G D A D

chanc - es, we've been giv - en at the cross.

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 the wellspring of grace,  
 our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**  
 Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
 let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
 We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
 your voice thundered over the deep

and water became the essence of life.  
 Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
 The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
 Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
 into freedom's land.  
 In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
 entered your boundless baptismal life.  
 Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
 and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
 By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
 you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
 freeing us to live as Easter people.  
 We rejoice with glad hearts,  
 giving all honor and praise to you,  
 through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**GREETING**

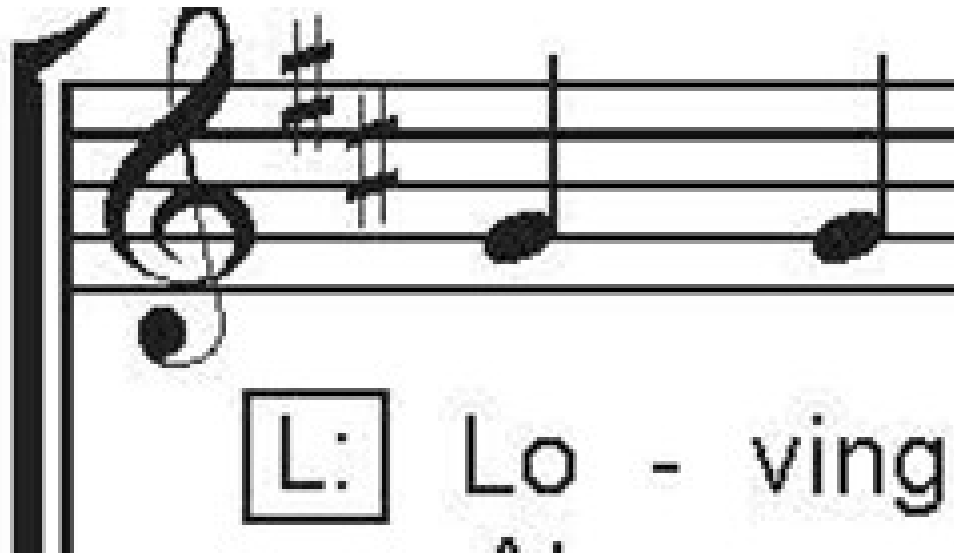
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Glory in the Highest” *Rundman*

*refrain sung twice*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system is a C-section with the lyrics: "Glo - ry in the high - est, Glo - ry be to God,". The second system is also a C-section with the lyrics: "Glo - ry in the high - est, And peace to all the earth." The third system contains two parts: an L-section with lyrics: "Sha-per of the U - ni - verse Je -sus Christ the Lamb of\_ God Ho - ly Spi-rit, source of\_ life," and a C-section with lyrics: "thanks and praise we sing youwash our sins a - way bur-ning wild and free".



### 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.**

Please  
be  
seated

### 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.**

### 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.**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

“Alleluia” *Rundman*



**GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

**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 the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be Seated

**SERMON**



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.



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  
com-  
fortable  
in body  
or spirit

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a bright and amazing God,  
who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf;  
Who has risen in splendor and majesty;  
who decorates the universe  
with sparkling water, clear white light,  
twinkling stars and sharp colors,  
over and over again.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Light of the world;  
That God believes in us, and trusts us,  
even though we make the same mistakes  
over and over and over again.**

**We commit ourselves to Jesus,  
to one another as siblings,  
and to the Maker's business in the world.  
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"

**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.**

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit

**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:

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and the lyrics "Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might." The second staff continues with "Hea - ven and earth are full full of your glo - ry". The third staff has "Ho - sa - nah in the high - est. Ho - sa - nah in the high - est". The fourth staff says "Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". The fifth staff repeats "Ho - sa - nah in the high - est. Ho - sa - nah in the high - est".



... Your love is proclaimed throughout all creation.

**We offer our thanksgiving and praise in our alleluias!**

... You've showed us the power of forgiveness and the abundance of life.

**We offer our thanksgiving and praise in our alleluias!**

... until the day we celebrate it in your presence at the great banquet.

**We offer our thanksgiving and praise in our alleluias! Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“Lamb of God” *Rundman*

Please  
be seated.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world,  
 Have mer - cy, mer - cy on us  
 Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world,  
 Oh grant us peace, Lamb of God

#595 “Jesus Loves Me!”

#838 “Beautiful Savior”

Please  
stand as  
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comfortable  
in  
body or  
spirit.

**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.**

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

**SENDING HYMN**

#644 [With One Voice] "A New Commandment"



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

**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.

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- Songleader: Sara Parks
- Pianist: Jacob Schmeltzer
- Band Members: Tom Bronken, Darren Smith, Jason Parks
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