



Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 am - May 12, 2024

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

& TEMPLE TALK ON NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD

GATHERING HYMN

“Here I Am to Worship”

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit

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!



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -



see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS



You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.



say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er



wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -

BRIDGE



er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev

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

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

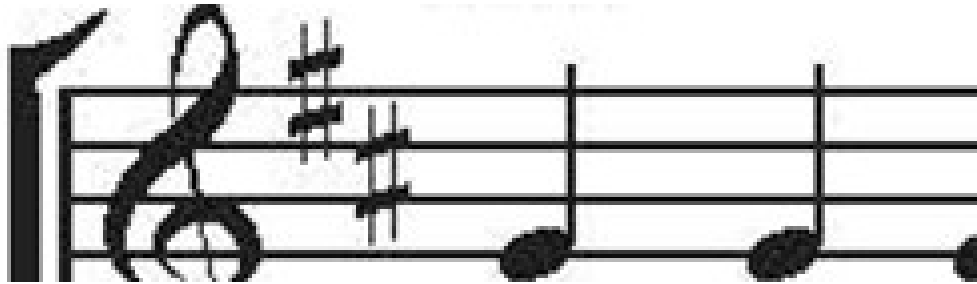
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory in the Highest” *Rundman*

refrain sung twice

[C] Glo - ry in the high - est, Glo - ry be to God,
Glo - ry in the high - est, And peace to all the earth.



[L] Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther_
At your ta - ble all are wel come_
You are God the three - in - one_
[C] Lo - ving fa - ther, ca - ring mo - ther_
At your ta - ble all are wel come_
You are God the three - in - one_

21 [A] 
[L] Hold us in your_ wings_
Hear us as we_ pray_
such a my - ste - ry_
[C] Hold us in your_ wings_
Hear us as we_ pray_
such a my - ste - ry_

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we

may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please
be
seated

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us— one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia” *Rundman*

Please
stand
as you
are
comfortable
in
body

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia Lord... towhom shall we go...
You have the words of e - ter - nal life A - le... lu... ia...

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#1042 “May This Church Be like a Tree”

Please
be
Seated

1 *Que_es-ta_i - gle - sia se - a_un ár - bol en el*
 1 May this church be like a tree, be - hind your
 2 May this church be like a tree there in the
 3 May this church be like a tree, O God, that



fon - do de tu ca - sa, que_ha - ya fies - ta, y_a - le -
 house, there in your gar - den, meet - ing - place for joy, and
 street or in the pla - za, for the birds a nest - ing -
 thrives where you have plant - ed; may it stand to show the

grí - a y_o - ra - ción ba - jo sus ra - mas.
 feast, and sim - ple prayer be - neath its branch - es.
 branch, for pass - ers - by a wel - come shel - ter.
 way, your way of lov - ing and self - giv - ing,

Con ra - í - ces bien pro - fun - das y sus bra - zos
 With its roots in earth so fer - tile, and its arms raised
 May it stand as if it's watch - ing, near my house, just
 of - f'ring shade, and fruit for shar - ing, giv - ing up its

ha - cia el cie - lo, que es - ta i - gle - sia sea fe -
 high to heav - en, may this church bear fruits of
 round the cor - ner, wait - ing for this wea - ry
 wood for burn - ing. May this liv - ing church that

cun - da dan - do fru - tos de con - sue - lo.
 jus - tice, acts of lov - ing and com - pas - sion.
 pil - grim with its arms wide to em - brace me.
 names you be a tree of life e - ter - nal.

Refrain / Estribillo
Ár - bol plan - ta - do jun - to a las a - guas
 Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,

de vi - da e - ter - na de nues - tro Dios.
 run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.

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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 creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your gift of abundant life is steadfast. Today, we raise our voices to you on behalf of our indigenous neighbors, remembering especially the many native women who have been missing from their families for a long time or whose lives were taken violently by others. We pray that the missing may yet be found alive and those who committed acts of violence might be brought to justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your justice encompasses all. We acknowledge before you the historical factors that have led to the marginalization of indigenous people and our complicity as non-native people in that history. We pray for an end to every form of racism, sexism, and inequality. Grant that, empowered by your Spirit, we might be bold in confronting evil and live as Jesus has called us, loving our neighbors as ourselves. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction, especially... Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Piano Solo, *Jacob Schmetzer*

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.

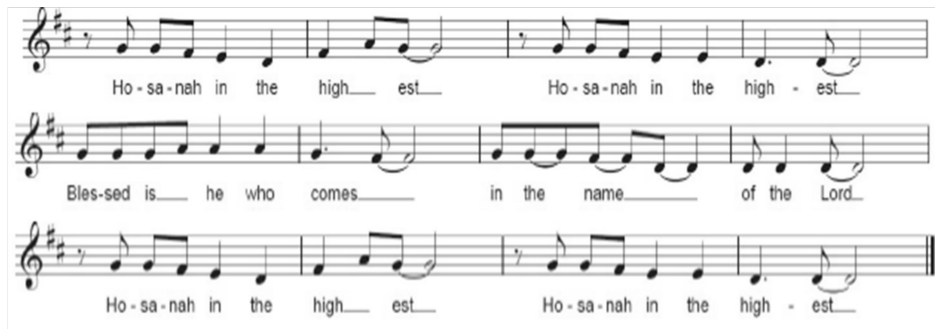
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics "Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord Lord God of pow'r and might." The second staff continues the melody for "Hea-ven and earth are full full of your glo - ry". There are dotted lines under the lyrics to indicate where the notes end. There are also small horizontal lines above the notes in some places, possibly indicating breath marks or phrasing.



... 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.



#980 “Come, Holy Spirit, Descend”

#966 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

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

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

#991 "Go to the World"

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SENDING

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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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| Reader: | Nancy Hamlin |
| Ushers: | Fred & Jeanne Groos |
| Greeters: | Bev Evans |
| Communion Assistants: | Sandy Lindberg |
| Songleader: | Terry Langenberg, Molly Luty |
| Pianist: | Jacob Schmeltzer |
| Band Members: | Tom Bronken |
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| Livestream Technician: | Tracie Zini |
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