



Third Sunday in Easter

10:30 am - May 4, 2025

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

The presiding minister

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit

GATHERING HYMN

#937 "Earth, Earth, Awake!"



1 Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais - es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!
2 All na - ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!



Greet with the dawn your ris - en King! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!



Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!
First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!



Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!
Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Beloveds in Christ,
Through the waters of baptism,

will read
the
sections
in plain
text.
**You are
invited
to read
the
bold
por-
tions.**

We are brought into the family of God.

The body of Christ is rich in Divine creativity,
a community of people of many genders, races, body types and sizes, abilities and hungers,
each a glimpse of God from a different angle.

God claims us with delight.

We claim one another as companions.

In our baptismal vows, we promise to love and support each other, working together to
resist evil, injustice, and oppression in all its forms – within us and around us.

We need each other.

Today, we remember that the love we encounter through these waters cannot be under-
mined by bigotry or hate, by exclusion or injustice.

**We are children of the Holy One,
Siblings in the life of God.**

These family ties cannot be broken.

No one and nothing has the power to turn us away from our Creator.

The full embrace of God always extends to us.

And so today, as we remember our baptism,

we also remember that through this new life in Christ we are set free:

**To love wildly and to claim the power God has given us to turn from everything that
destroys. Through God's grace, we leave shame behind and rejoice in the Good
News that sets the captives free.**

Let us pray, God of Life and God of Love, through this gift of water, you do miraculous
things. The dust of past shame and guilt are washed away. The bonds of love are restored.
The possibilities of new life emerge. May it be so for us today as we remember our bap-
tisms. May your Spirit be upon this water and all who gather, as we celebrate this Sacred
family to which you have called us. Strengthen us in love for one another as we renew our
commitment to the pursuit of the Kingdom of God, where all your creatures and creations
are beloved and free. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - - cy. Lord, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
 Christ, have mer - - cy. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. 1. We praise You, we
 bless you, we a - dore You, we glo - ri - fy You, we give You thanks for Your great glo - ry,
 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. 2. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Be - got - ton Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther. You
 take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; You take a - way the sins of the world, re -
 ceive our prayer, You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For

Chords: B \flat , F, C, B \flat , F/A, Dm, C, B \flat , F, C, F/A, B \flat , C, F/A, B \flat , C, B \flat /D, B \flat maj7, C, Gm, B \flat , Dm, C

39 $B\flat/D$ $B\flat$ maj7 C Gm $B\flat$ Dm C

ceive our prayer; You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For

VERSE 3

$B\flat$ F C $B\flat$ F C $B\flat$ F C

You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High,
51 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men, a -

C $B\flat$ F C $B\flat$ F C F/A $B\flat$ C

58 men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

Please
be seat-
ed

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the
sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and wor-
shipped.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Please
stand as
you are
comforta-
ble in
body or in
spirit.

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the dis-
ciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there togeth-
er were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of
Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fish-
ing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but
that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it
was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered
him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will
find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were
so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Si-
mon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and
jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of
fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon
Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three
of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them,

“Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

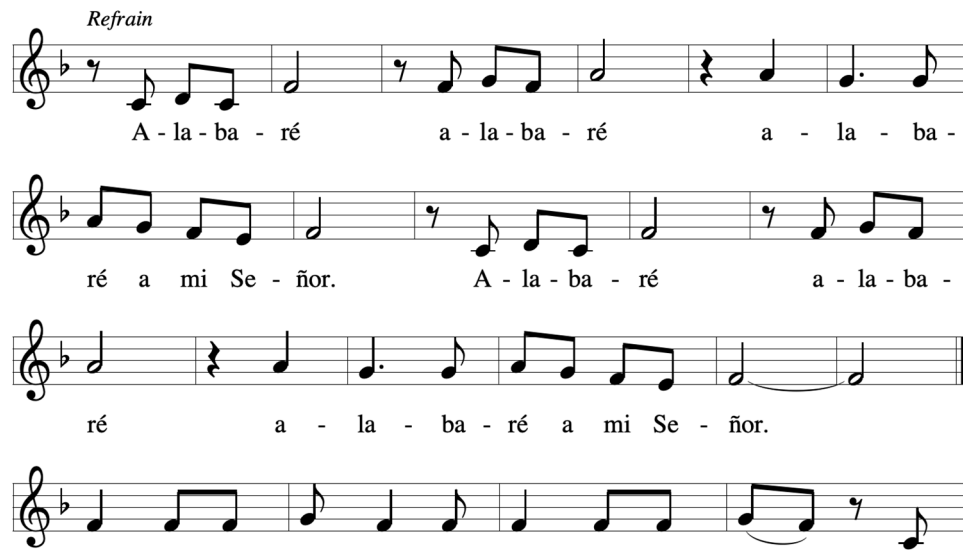
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be
seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV #791 “Alabaré”

Refrain



A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a - la - ba -
ré a mi Se - ñor. A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba -
ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.

1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed, and
2 Wor - thy is Christ . . . the Lamb who was slain, whose
3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God, and

all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.
join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.

Thou - sands were pray - ing, ten thou - sands re - joic - ing, and
Pow - er and rich - es, and wis - dom and strength . . . and
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might . . . to

Refrain

all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
hon - or and all bless - ing shall be his.
God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

Please
stand as
you are
comforta-
ble in body
or spirit.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all people.
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,
the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care, especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Please be seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Acclamation in G minor”
Bell Choir

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

God, we have been made in your image. So, in your generosity, make us generous. In your faithfulness, make us faithful. With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come. **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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

5 Bb F C Dm Bbmaj7 F/C Csus

Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -

8 F Bb F C Dm

est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

11 Bbmaj7 F/C C Dm F F/A Bbmaj7 F/C C F

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

So today, we are full of 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”

Please be seated.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, mi - se - re - re

4 C Bb Dm
no - - bis. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

8 Bb/F F Dm C/E F C Gm7
sins of the world, mi - se - re - re no - - bis.

13 Bbmaj7 Bb/D F Dm C/E F C
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, do - na no - bis pa -

17 Bb C F
cem, do - na no - bis pa - - - - cem.

#661 "I Love to Tell the Story"
#433 "Blessing, Honor, and Glory"

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.
Benediction:
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

God of all Creation,
May we meet you today and every day.
Guide us to be resurrection people.
Renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"God Who Moves the Mountains"

1. He is not con - fined; He con - founds. He will not re - sign; He re - sounds. He is not re - strained;
2. He is not sur - prised; He sur - rounds. He can - not be stopped; He a - stounds. He is draw - ing near;

10 hear the sound, oh hear the sound. Rocks are fall - ing, the bro - ken call -
hear the sound, oh hear the sound.

14 G2
ing to the God who moves the moun - tains. You got - ta move this moun - tain. The earth is shak -

17 ing, the wea - ry wak - ing to the God who moves the moun - tains. You got - ta move this

20 1 2 D G2
moun - tain. moun - tain.

26 You say, "Speak;" and we say, "Move." You say watch what You can do.

31 You say, "Trust," and then You prove You're the God who moves the

34 Bm7 A G G
moun - tains, the God who moves the moun - tains. You say, "Speak;" moun - tains. Rocks are fall -

ing, the bro - ken call - ing to the God who moves the moun - tains. You got - ta move this

41 moun - tain. The earth is shak - ing, the wea - ry wak - ing to the God who moves the

44 G2 1 2 D
moun - tains. You got - ta move this moun - tain. Rocks are fall moun - tain.

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! 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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