



Fourth Sunday in Easter

10:30 am - May 11, 2025

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

GATHERING HYMN

#934 "Christ Is Living"



¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!

1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.

2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.

3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.

Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.

Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."

Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.

Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?

Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.

For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.

Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.

Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!

Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The
presid-
ing min-
ister will
read the
sections
in plain
text.
**You are
invited
to read
the
bold
por-
tions.**

Beloveds in Christ,

Through the waters of baptism,

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. 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

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 -
 58 C B \flat F C B \flat F C F/A B \flat C
 men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through 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 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Please
be seat-
ed

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gath-

ered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Please
be
seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#959 “God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace”



2 Word of pro - claim - ing,	soak - ing our dry - ness,
3 Oil of a - noint - ing,	breath on the wa - ter,
4 Bright light of Eas - ter	fra - grant with pow - er,
5 Robe of a - dop - tion	cleav - ing the dark - ness,
	grow - ing God's fam - 'ly,



plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:
 nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—
 shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—
 wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—



mer - cy come stream - ing from you.
 "This is my child, my be - loved."
 mark of the life that we gain.
 bea - con of hope on the way.
 love be - come sym - bol and sign.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges,

lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

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,

Please be
seated

Please
stand as
you are
comfortable
in body
or spirit.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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

Chords: Bb, F, C, Dm, Bbmaj7, F/C, Csus, F, Bb, F, C, Dm, Bbmaj7, F/C, C, F, Bbmaj7, Bb/D, F, Dm, C/E, F, C.

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

no - - bis. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sins of the world, mi - se - re - re no - - bis.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world, do - na no - bis pa -

Chords: C, Bb, Dm, Bb/F, F, Dm, C/E, F, C, Gm7, Bbmaj7, Bb/D, F, Dm, C/E, F, C.



#768 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

#843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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.

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

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-sounds. He is draw-ing near,
 hear the sound, oh hear the sound. Rocks are fall-ing, the bro-ken call-
 hear the sound, oh hear the sound.
 ing to the God who moves the moun-tains. You got-ta move this moun-tain. The earth is shak-
 ing, the wea-ry wak-ing to the God who moves the moun-tains. You got-ta move this
 moun-tain. moun-tain.
 You say, "Speak;" and we say, "Move." You say watch what You can do.
 You say, "Trust," and then You prove You're the God who moves the

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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

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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.

Preacher:	Pr. Molly Hunter
Liturgist:	Pr. Andrew Plocher
Assisting Minister:	Inga Banitt
Reader:	Mike Hill
Ushers:	Dave & Nancy Skoog
Communion Assistants:	Mike Hill, Gayle Mack, Marina Shinkarenko
Greeters:	Marina Shinkarenko
Songleaders:	Sara Parks
Pianist:	Jacob Schmeltzer
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