



Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 am - April 12, 2026

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

GATHERING HYMN

“Breakthrough” *Red Rocks Worship*

VERSE

J = 95 D Gmaj7

I am wea - ry from the waves crash - ing o - ver
 I am long - ing for Your voice, Your gen - tle whis - per
 You a - lone can take my scars and piece by piece re -

1 Bm7 Gmaj7 D

ev - 'ry day. God of mer - cy, please come res - cue me.
 in the noise. Fa - ther, tell me
 store my heart. Take what's bro - ken;

2, 3

CHORUS 1a

9 Gmaj7 D G A

ev - 'ry - thing's all right. Your pow - er, Your pres - ence
 make it whole a - gain.

14 Bm D G A Bm

breaks strong - holds. King of Heav - en, when You speak moun - tains move. I be - lieve

TURNAROUND

19 D G A D

there will be break - through.

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

TAG 1

(1) | 2

Gmaj7 D/F# G

24 there will be break - through.

A Bm D G

28 There will be break - through.

BRIDGE

A G A

32 Shake the moun - tains, break the walls a - part,

Bm A/C# D

36 o - pen the heav - ens. Al - might - y God, You are O - ver - com - er,

A G

39 De - fend - er of my heart. By Your pow - er

A Bm A/C#

43 the o - ceans o - pen wide. Your fi - re falls down; Heav - en and earth col - lide.

1 | 2

D A

46 King Je - sus, for - ev - er by my side. for - ev - er by my side.

CHORUS 1b

A G A Bm

51 Your pow - er, Your pres - ence breaks strong - holds.

D G A Bm

56 King of Heav - en, when You speak moun - tains move. I be - lieve

60 1 2 TAG 2

D/F# D/F# G A

there will be break - through. there will be break - through.

64 OUTRO

Bm D/F# G

There will be break - through.

68

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
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.**

KYRIE

Leader: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -
- cy up - on us.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -
- cy up - on us.

Leader: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: 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. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

ALL:

A - men, A - - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the open grave and the locked room, you meet us where fear has shut us in and breathe your peace into the places we have sealed against the night. Give us faith that does not wait for certainty, and the courage to reach out our hands and find you there. Send us from our hiding places into the world you love, bearing witness to the life that death could not hold. Through Jesus Christ, who stands among us still, in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Please
be seated

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²

“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

Leader: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *(to Refrain)*

REFRAIN: ALL

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Please
stand as
you are
comfortable
in
body or
spirit

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them

when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Who You Say I Am” - by Hillsong Worship

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 58$ A5 F#m E A5

Who am I that the high - est King would wel - come me.
Free at last, He has ran - somed me, His grace runs deep.

F#m E D F#m E

I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for
While I was a slave to sin, Je - sus died for me. Yes, He died for

CHORUS 1

D A E F#m E

me. Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a child of
me.

CHORUS 2

D A 1 2 A

God, yes I am. In my Fa - ther's house there's a

E F#m E D A

place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am. I am

BRIDGE

F#m E/G# A D F#m

cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not a -

TAG

E/G# A D D F#m E/G#

1, 3, 4 | 2, 5

gainst me. I am who You say I am. I am (Oh) I am who You say I am.

Last time to Coda

CHORUS 1 & 2

D A E F#m E D

Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a child of God, yes I
Fa - ther's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I

INSTRUMENTAL

A A F#m E/G#

1, 2 | 3

am. In my am.

A D D

1 | 2

I am

D.S. al Coda

D Coda F#m E/G# D

Yes, I am who You say I am.

CHORUS 1 & 2

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

**In the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.
In the midst of our grief,
we believe the Spirit is at work.
In the chaos of our broken world,
we believe that love is on the loose.
For no stone could keep God at bay,
and no violence could keep God's love from us.
So today we sing,
Alleluia!
For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,
hope lives.
Christ has died,
and Christ has also risen.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially... Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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

“Lead Me, Lord” *Messiah’s Handbell Choir*

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you gave us the one thing we could not earn or keep for ourselves -- life out of death, morning out of the grave. Receive what we return to you now: these gifts, this hour, ourselves. Use them in the world you would not stop loving, that others might find, as we have found, that the stone has been rolled away. **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:

Sing each line twice

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

2. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est

3. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy God, you are worthy of all praise...
And we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

Pour out your spirit upon this bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **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 sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us peace.

#496 "One Bread, One Body"
 #485 "I Am the Bread of Life"

Please stand
 as you are
 comfortable
 in body or
 spirit.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Go now into the world
 that God refused to abandon.

Go as people who have heard it:
 the stone has been rolled away.
 Death does not have the last word.
 The risen Christ is already out ahead of you.

So look for him on the road.
 Look for him at the table.

Look for him in the face of your neighbor.

And may the God who creates and sustains you,
 the Christ who died and rose for you,
 and the Spirit who moves through you
 go with you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Second Chance" by The Rend Collective

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 -

3 G D A D

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

CHORUS

6 A G D A Bm7 G2

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.

10 D Bm7 G2 D A Bm7 G2

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

INSTRUMENTAL

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.

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

CHORUS

D A Bm7 G2 D Bm7 G2

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

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

BRIDGE 1b

Bm7 G2 D D D

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

A G D A D

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

SENDING

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
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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