



Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am - April 26, 2026

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!

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit

GATHERING HYMN

#995 "Come, Be among Us, O Jesus" *sing twice*



Te in - vi - ta - mos, oh Cris - to, te in - vi -
Come, be a - mong us, O Je - sus. Come now and



ta - mos hoy mis - mo: qué - da - te con no - so - tros,
vis - it your peo - ple. Come, and be near your chil - dren.



qué - da - te de_u - na vez. La no - che ya se_a - pro -
Stay with us, Lord, a - bide. Shad - ows are deep -'ning a -



xi - ma, vie - ne la lo - bre - guez.
round us; fast falls the e - ven - tide.



Qué - da - te con no - so - tros, qué - da - te de_u - na vez.
Come and be near your chil - dren. Stay with us, Lord, a - bide.



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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

Please
be
seated

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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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!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who

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Please
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seated

came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#780 “Shepherd Me, O God”

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 *to stanza 4*

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

Refrain

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially... Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. 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

“Christ is Alive!” *Messiah's Handbell Choir*

OFFERING

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

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.**

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:

(Each line led by song leader & repeated by congregation.)

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 mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world.

Have _____ mer - cy on us. _____

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world. _____

Grant _____ us _____ peace. _____

#764 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

#502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Please
stand as
you are
comfort-
able in
body or
spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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.

**Benedic-
tion:** *God
blesses us
and sends
us in
mission to
the world.*

SENDING HYMN

"Second Chance" by *The Rend Collective*

VERSE 1 & 2

J = 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 -

G D A D

3 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

A G D A Bm7 G2

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

D Bm7 G2 D

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

(1) (2)

A G D A Bm7 G2 D

18 2. When sec - ond chance is heav - en's heart.

BRIDGE 1a

1 2

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

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

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.

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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