



Messiah Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019 8:45 am

Mission Statement

“At Messiah Lutheran Church, we seek to answer God’s call to love”

Welcome to all worshipping with us today. Please complete the **Welcome Card** and *place it in the offering plate, during the offering*. **Prayer Petitions** may be included on the back of the Welcome card. Please turn your cell phones to silent during the service. There are activity bags for children to enjoy during worship, which can be found on a rack just outside the worship space. Thank you.

Prelude - Bell Choir *Rock of Faith*

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk - Vacation Bible School - Mike Davis

Call to Worship

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.
Here, death is washed away forever.
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
with leaves for the healing of the world.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,
into this community, and throughout all creation.

Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

#666 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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 p. 122

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

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 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. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 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.

Psalm: Psalm 30 *(read responsively)*

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

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, singing with full voice,

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

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!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 124

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,

Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 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. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. 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.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 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. 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. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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." 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." 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. 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." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day

#798 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

i Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Each petition will end with: “Lord, in your mercy,”

The assembly will respond with: “**hear our prayer.**”

Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

You call your disciples to follow the way of the cross by words and works of love. Make your church a place of welcome for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Every creature in heaven and on earth sings your praise. Lead us to appreciate the diversity of creation—flowers and streams, animals, sunsets, and stormy skies. Help us to conserve the beauty around us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Come to the aid of those who are persecuted, oppressed, or imprisoned by hostile governments. Be with refugees and immigrants as they seek safe homes. Raise up leaders who are generous and hospitable to migrant families. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring relief to people weary with pain or sickness. Bless doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home health care providers, therapists, social workers, and all caregivers in whom your love moves with acts of healing and tenderness toward those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You feed us at your table and send us out to feed others. Bless those who fish, bake, and cook, bless restaurant servers, grocery store workers, and food pantry volunteers. Open our eyes to your goodness in every meal we share. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Today we pray for Jen Bleckiner, Rose Collins, Bud Hendrick & family on the death of his mother Emma Jean Hedrick, Bill Maki, Irving Riutta, Kathy, Lois, Jan Summersett, Jim Shelby, John, Bill, Valerie, Kendal, Sandy, Bill, Mike, Janet Beyne Gonsalves, Karen, Cindy LaValley, Marilyn Voce, Larry, Don Dreisbach, Gary, Sierra, Mary Leslie, Charlene Avery, Nai, Cam & his family, Liz Kro, Katelin Bingner. All honor and glory and blessing belong to you. We praise you for the faith of the saints. Be near us as we await the day when we will feast with the risen Christ forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

🪧 **Senior Choir Anthem** *A Joyful Alleluia*

Offering

🪧 **Offering Prayer**

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving p. 129

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 130

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion & Distribution

The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God" p. 135

#708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

#810 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction

"The Resurrected Christ Be Your Guide"

Sending

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Serving Us Today:

Preacher & Liturgist:	Molly Eversoll
Organist:	Kathy Strazzinski
Music/Choir Director:	Dave Dagenais
Acolyte:	
Ushers:	David Dill, Anne Rydholm
Reader:	Mary Lou Blomquist
Communion Assistants:	Bruce Robertson, Peggy Sager, Beth Krznarich
Greeters:	Pat Nebel, Ruth Koehler
Assisting Minister:	Larry Pagel
Sound Technician:	Larry Pagel
Video Technician:	
Nursery Attendant:	Cayla Chapman
Flower Delivery:	Bev Evans
Coffee Hour:	Gail Edgar

Welcome

Messiah Lutheran Church seeks to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and 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 and eternal life. We may not always be as welcoming as we should be, but this is our intention—all are welcome!

The Means of Grace

As Lutherans, we believe that God comes to us in love through the means of grace: the preaching of the Word and the gift of two Sacraments--Baptism and Communion. Christ Jesus is the host at the Holy Communion table, welcoming all people to be fed. If you haven't been baptized, we also invite you to consider baptism. The pastors would be delighted to speak with you about this.

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