



Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am - April 19, 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 always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

GATHERING HYMN

#671 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

CHORUS

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give thanks to the Ris - en Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give

7 praise to His Name. 1. Je sus is Lord of all the earth, He is the
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Je - sus has
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ. Now we shall
 4. God has pro - claimed the just re - ward, life for all
 5. Come let us praise the Liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly

14 King of cre - a - - - - tion. Al - le
 died and has ris - - - - en.
 live for - ev - - - - er.
 men, al - le - lu - - - - ia.
 sing to our Sav - - - - iour.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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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.

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

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

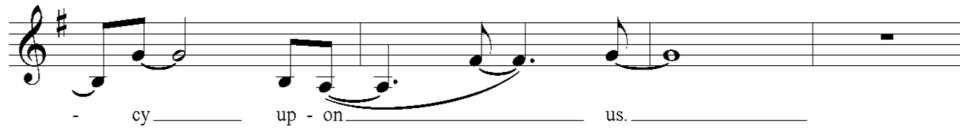
Leader: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. (*to Refrain*)

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -

- cy up - on us.

Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -



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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Please
be
seated

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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!

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GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he

was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Please
be
seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

#374 “Day of Arising”



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please
 stand as
 you are
 comforta-
 ble 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.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared

for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick, especially... Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of 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

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit.

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 lead by songleader & 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.



#939 "Touch That Soothes and Heals"

#484 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

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

♩ = 72

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

INSTRUMENTAL

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

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

BRIDGE 1a

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

35 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

42 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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