

The Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Messiah is to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ by daily witness through prayer, service, and thanksgiving.

Welcome to Worship
April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter
Celebrating our 69th Anniversary



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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Thine is the Glory LBW 145

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we continue to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Please Stand If you are able

P Peace of the Lord be with you always

C **And also with you.**

Peace

The PEACE is shared at this time. If you are uncomfortable shaking hands, put your hand to your heart and say "Peace be with you" This can also be done at the end of service with the Pastor.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray together.....

C Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

PRAYERS

Each petition ends:

A God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

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.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERING ANTHEM (LBW p. 66)

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P O Lord, we Give thee but thine own whate'er the gifts may be. For all that we have is thine alone, a trust of Lord from thee.

C Amen.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, 22nd chapter, starting with verse 23.

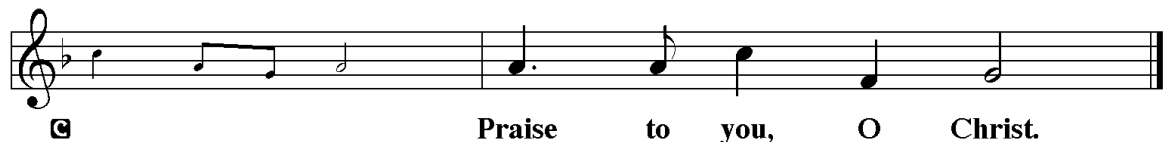


²³The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, ²⁴Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.' ²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. ²⁶The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. ²⁷Last of all, the woman herself died. ²⁸In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her."

²⁹Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ³¹And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, ³²'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is God not of the dead, but of the living." ³³And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Reading from "The Story" NIV Bible
Chapter 29 – Paul's Mission

Children’s Sermon

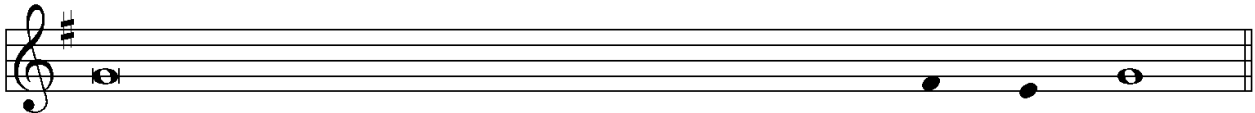
As the children come forward everyone sings “Jesus Loves Me.”

Choir Anthem

Sermon

Please Stand if you are able

BENEDICTION



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.



☐ A - men

Closing Hymn: The Church’s One Foundation LBW 369

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C **Thanks be to God.**

God Be With You ‘Til We Meet Again

God be with you ‘til we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you ‘til we meet again.

Organ Postlude *****

Visitors & Guests: We welcome you in the Name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ! Please introduce yourselves & sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Newsletter Articles: Do you have any news to put into the newsletter? Please let Pastor know or email any submissions to the office email at Office@messiahLewiston.Org. The monthly deadline for inclusion is the 25th of every month.

Altar Flowers are now available for scheduling. The cost is \$49 for a single bouquet and \$64 for a double. There is a calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex where you may reserve a date or call the office.

Bible Study: Will be held every Wednesday at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Messiah Youth Spaghetti Lunch: Tickets are now available for the spaghetti lunch being held on Sunday, April 21st at 11:30pm. \$12/plate Dine In or Dine Out. Tickets available until Thursday, April 18th.

Zion Blessing Box: We are collecting items and change to assist Zion with their outside Blessing Box. We are asking for items that are able to be outside and handle the weather. Items of use are children's books, hygiene care products, canned good, etc. Donations can be placed in blue box in the Narthex.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 14	3pm Confirmation Class
Friday, April 19	9am to 2pm Craft Group
Friday, April 19	Lutheran Youth of WNY Lock – In
Sunday, April 21	Council Meeting after 2 nd Service
Sunday, April 21	Messiah Youth Spaghetti Lunch
Monday, April 22	10am (W)hole Hearted
Friday, April 26	6:30pm Monthly Game Night

Weekly Chapter Readings

April 14	Chapter 29 – Paul’s Mission
April 21	Chapter 30 – Paul’s Final Days
April 28	Chapter 31 – The End of Time

DEACON SCHEDULE

If you can't help on the day assigned to you, please let Pastor or Darinda know.

DATE	ASSISTANT DEACON	COMMUNION DEACON
April 14, 2024	George Adamson	
April 21, 2024	Joan DeVantier	Cathy Bennion
April 28, 2024	Kathy Harold	

The lector for the month of April is Susan Smith.

Altar guild for the month of April is Darinda Hoffman.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Signups are now available in the Narthex

Date	Acolyte	Acolyte
April 14, 2024	Olivea Fronczek	Gavin Hotchkiss
April 21, 2024	Olivea Fronczek	Luciana Hotchkiss
April 28, 2024	William Borget	

Prayer requests may be given, in writing, or on a signup sheet in the narthex, you may also call the church office during the week.

Please let us know when names can be removed.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Evelyn Shear	Brian Ziemendorf
Gretchen Morgan	Arlene Sliz
Jared Lombardi	Frederick Schmidt
Adela Gunkelman	Ted Sadler
Beth MacSwan	Mary Beth Brault
Jon MacSwan	Brian Beesaw
Michael Coffey	Christi Lynch
Steven Heinz & Parents (Laura & Bill Heinz)	Daniel Acome
Daniel Wade	Chad Heath
Renee Balcom	Judy Capolupo
Erin Deering	Marion Helwig Wrobel
Terry Sigler	Mike Duckett
	Bill Bennion

Those who are caregivers or those suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Those who serve our country:

SSgt. Andrew Baxter
David Broderick
SSgt. Justin DeVantier
MSgt. Bill Ingwersen
2nd Lt. Mitchell Sembert
Sgt. Anthony Tamul
Sgt. Hannah Mergi
Sgt. Tyler Colby



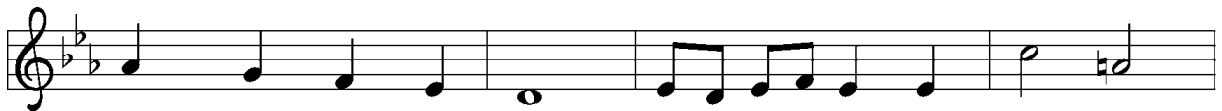
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876