

*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 21, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Celebrating our 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



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## Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymns:** Jesus, Name Above All Names TFF 268

### 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** **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## 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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 68)

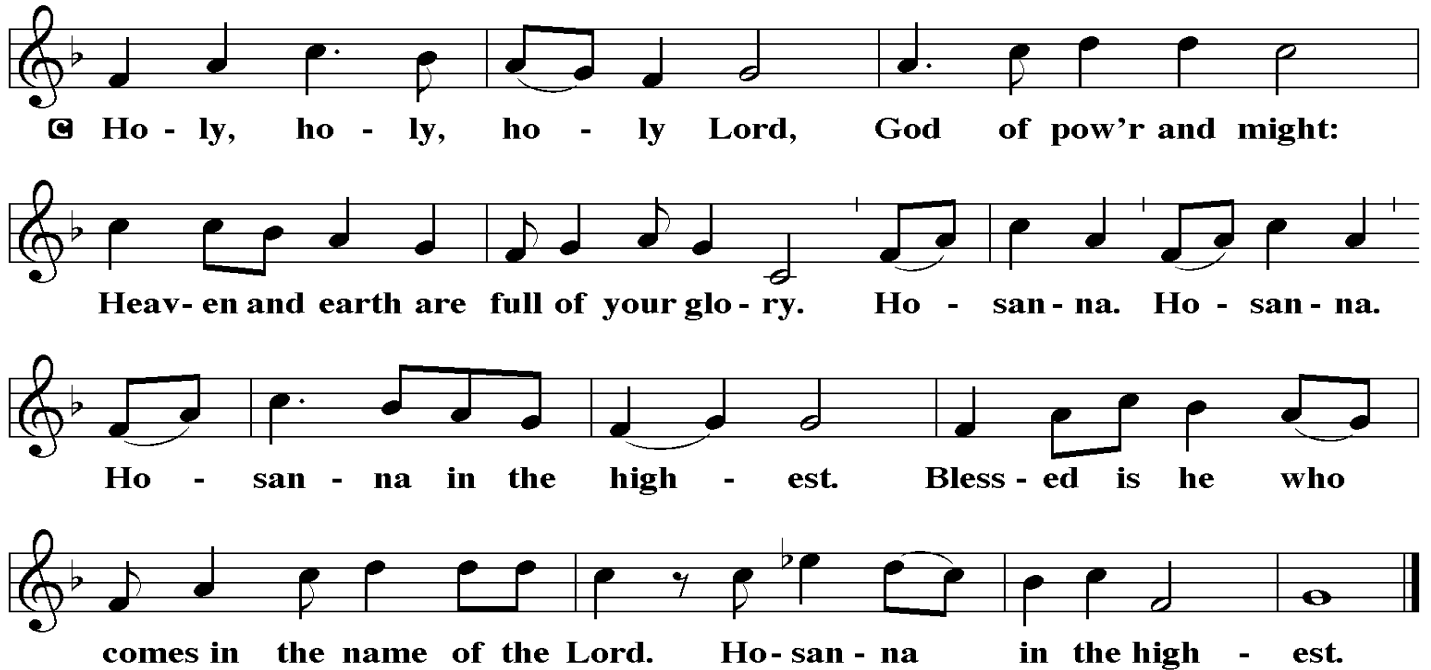
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary...*Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding, "we praise your name and join their unending hymn":*



**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:**  
**Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.**  
**Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who**  
**comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

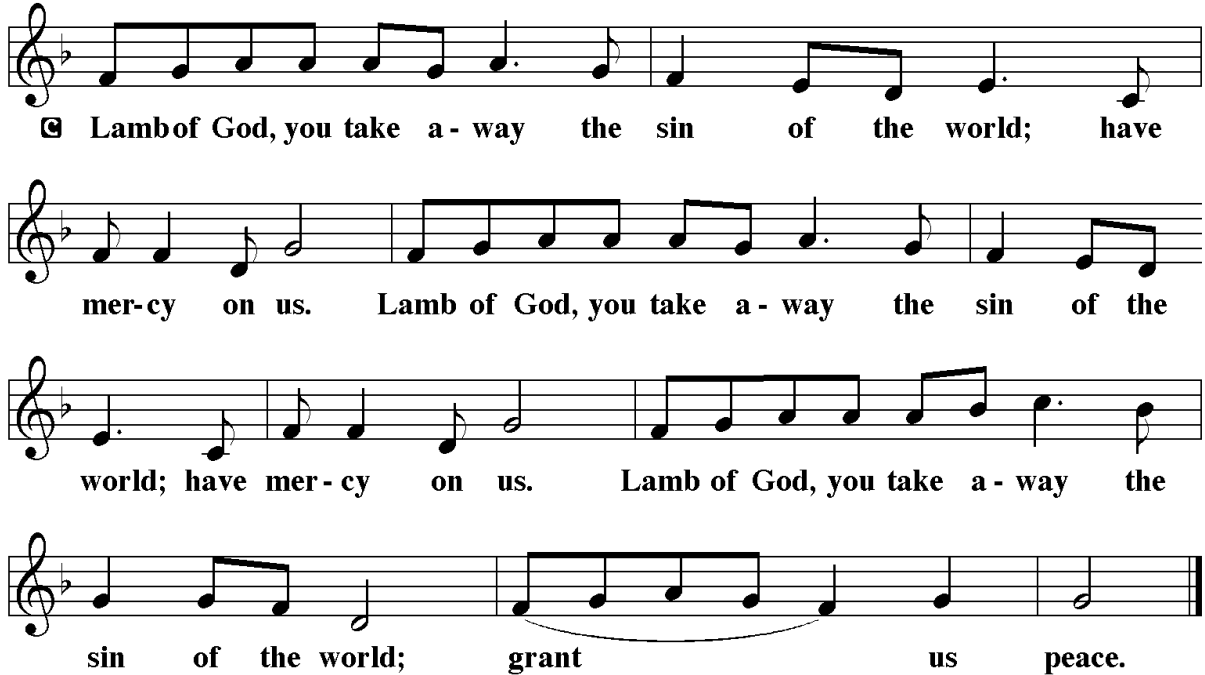
P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

## 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.**

P The gifts of God for the People of God.



☞ 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

### COMMUNION

The communion follows. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: “The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ for you.”

The communicant may say: “Amen.”

## Post-Communion Canticle



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.
- C Amen

## 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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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.  
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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, 19<sup>th</sup> chapter, starting with verse 28.



<sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

#### Matthew 20:1-8

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about



five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

Intro Video  
 Reading from “The Story” NIV Bible  
 Chapter 30 – Paul’s Final Days

**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 Day of Resurrection LBW 141

## 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](mailto:Office@messiahLewiston.Org). The monthly deadline for inclusion is the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** Spaghetti lunch being held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30pm. \$12/plate Dine In or Dine Out.

**Messiah's Community Outreach:** We are collecting items that will be split between Zion's Blessing Box and the Ransomville Care-N-Share. These items can be:

- Nonperishable foods
- Personal hygiene items (body wash, dental care items, shampoo)
- Books
- Cash donations
- Paper household products (plates, paper towels, toilet paper)

### **Church Calendar**

Sunday, April 21	Council Meeting after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service
Sunday, April 21	Messiah Youth Spaghetti Lunch
Monday, April 22	10am (W)hole Hearted
Friday, April 26	6:30pm Monthly Game Night

### **Save the Dates**

June 7-8 <sup>th</sup>	10-mile Garage Sale
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bishop Lee Miller II Visit
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Ministry Cookout
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Vendor and Craft fair
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Peach Festival Parade

## Weekly Chapter Readings

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.*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DEACON</b>	<b>COMMUNION DEACON</b>
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*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
April 21, 2024	Olivea Fronczek	Luciana Hotckiss
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  
Gretchen Morgan  
Jared Lombardi  
Adela Gunkelman  
Beth MacSwan  
Jon MacSwan  
Michael Coffey  
Steven Heinz & Parents (Laura &  
Bill Heinz)  
Daniel Wade  
Renee Balcom  
Erin Deering  
Terry Sigler

Brian Ziemendorf  
Arlene Sliz  
Frederick Schmidt  
Ted Sadler  
Mary Beth Brault  
Brian Beesaw  
Christi Lynch  
Daniel Acome  
Chad Heath  
Judy Capolupo  
Marion Helwig Wrobel  
Mike Duckett  
Bill Bennion  
Barbara Nashwinter

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Mitchell Sembert  
Sgt. Anthony Tamul  
Sgt. Hannah Mergi  
Sgt. Tyler Colby



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Jesus, Name Above All Names

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Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful

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Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -

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man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -

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Optional repeat	Last time
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deem - er, liv - ing Word. Word.

## The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 Then praise we God the Fa - ther, and praise we Christ his Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
with them the Ho - ly Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry, as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH ERFREUEN, 16th cent., adapt. Johann Walter, 1496–1570