

*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 7, 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Celebrating our 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



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## Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymns:** Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

LBW 131

### 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



**P** Let us pray together. ....

**C** **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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)



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



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

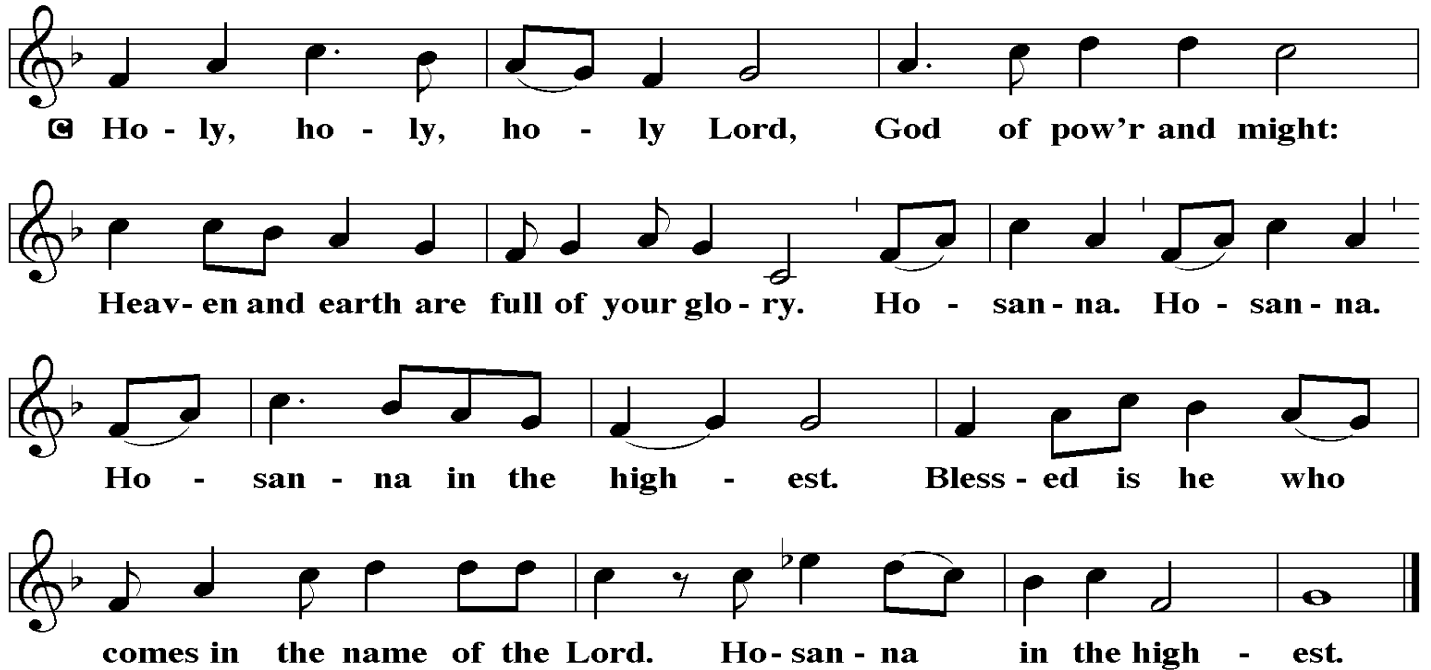


Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give 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.

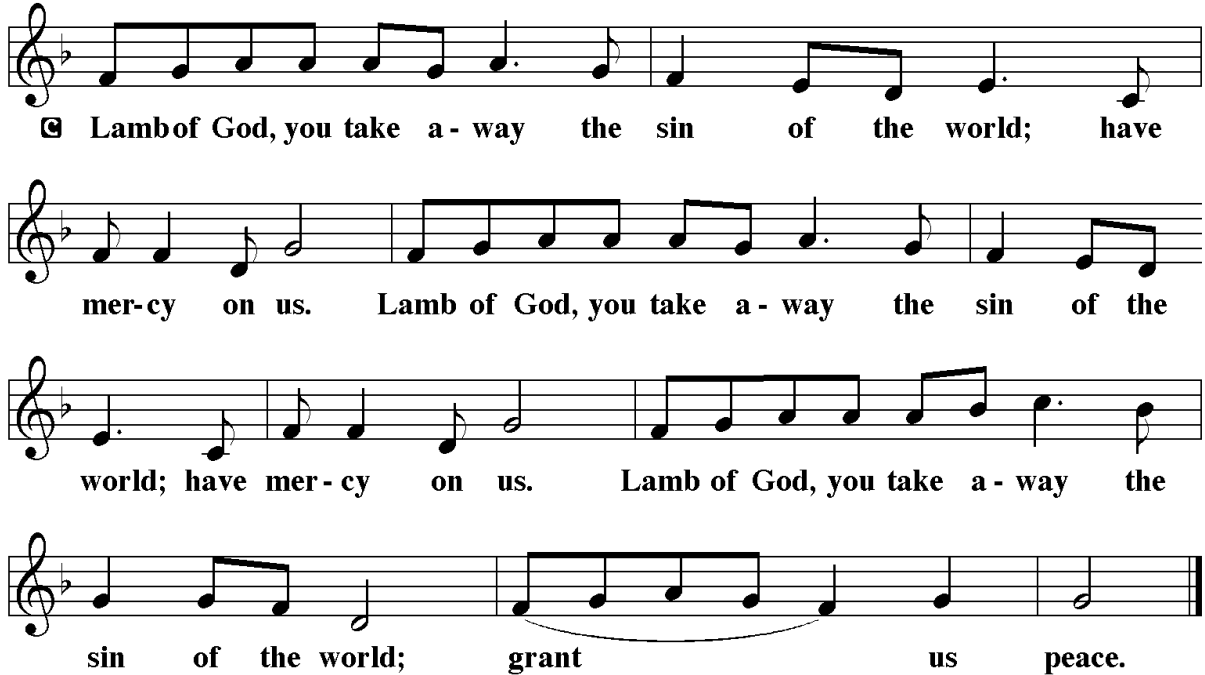
P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

### 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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give thanks to the Holy One,  
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 John, 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, starting with verse 16.

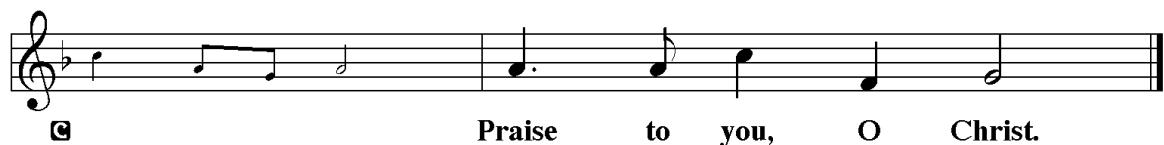


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.



*Please be seated*

Intro Video  
Reading from "The Story" NIV Bible  
Chapter 28 – New Beginnings

**Children's Sermon**

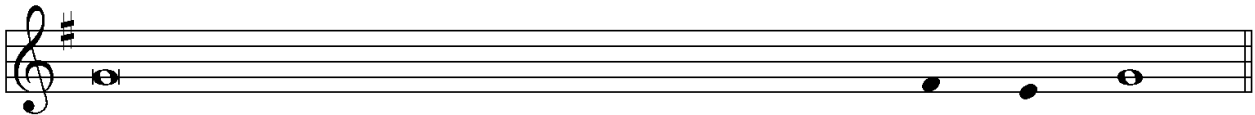
*As the children come forward everyone sings "Jesus Loves Me."*

**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:** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds LBW 143

**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.

### **Church Calendar**

Monday, April 8	<u>Canceled</u> – (W)hole Hearted
Sunday, April 14	3pm Confirmation Class
Friday, April 19	Lutheran Youth of WNY Lock – In
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

### **Weekly Chapter Readings**

April 7	Chapter 28 – New Beginnings
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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.*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ASSISTANT DEACON</b>	<b>COMMUNION DEACON</b>
April 7, 2024	Alice Attardo	Lee Nassoiy
April 14, 2024	George Adamson	
April 21, 2024	Kathy Harold	Cathy Bennion
April 28, 2024	Joan DeVantier	

*The lector for the month of April is Susan Smith.  
 Altar guild for the month of April is to be decided.*

**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

*Signups are now available in the Narthex*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
April 7, 2024	William Borget	Noah Balcom
April 14, 2024		
April 21, 2024		
April 28, 2024		

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





# Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turms to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow-ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
 he was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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