



**EASTER SUNDAY**

March 31, 2024

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
*Light in the Beartooths*

Pastor Ben Cherland

**Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Easter Sunday | March 31, 2024**

**GATHERING**

**Procession of the Christ Candle**

The Day of Resurrection, Linda McKechnie  
Classical Easter, Michael Helman

**Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters  
where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life,  
from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothes u with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ, in love and mission.  
Cleanse our hearts of all division.  
Shower us with the life we have in you.  
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn ELW 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

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.**

# This is the Feast

*Refrain* S122

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Welcome and Announcements

### WORD

## Children's Sermon

### Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,

**“God's mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,**

**and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**

**and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;**

**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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## Gospel Acclamation

### Hallelujah

SERVICE MUSIC

### Heleluyan

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He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

\* May be sung in canon.

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## **Mark 16:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day ELW 364 Christ is Risen, Alleluia**

## **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.**

*Continued...*

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always  
**And also with you**



## MEAL

### Offering

#### Offering Song

##### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and  
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a  
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### Offertory Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## Preface for Easter

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Eucharistic Prayer | Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### Invitation to the Table

### Communion

### Lamb 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.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

May our Glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Our worship has ended. **Now our service begins.**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Announcements**

You are invited to stay for brunch following our worship service.

Get your photos taken for the congregational photo directory by April 30th. Contact Kevin Kinzley at 605-431-9889 for an appointment.

Special Offering for April is *Lutheran World Relief*

April is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and DSVS is giving away yard signs! What better way to show your support for their important work. Sign up to get yours by contacting them and pick them up **THIS THURSDAY** April 4th!

Huge thank yous to the Worship & Arts Committee at Messiah, Messiah Chimes, everyone who participated in offering our Easter Brunch, everyone who participated in all of these services and especially our amazing congregation!

### **Prayer Requests**

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 406-446-2430 or redlodgemessiah@gmail.com or write your requests in the Prayer request book with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

Today the people of Messiah are praying for  
Jackie Cordill, Brooke Feister, Dolly & Jim Koski,  
Rick & Sandy Koski, Phyllis Kreatz,  
Eugene Rosekelly, and Shirley Petersen

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Thank you.