

# Holy Communion

Pentecost

May 22nd, 2024 + Year B + 10:00 a.m.



**Messiah Lutheran Church**

Lyndhurst, Ohio + 440.442.6941 + [messiahlyndhurst.org](http://messiahlyndhurst.org)

# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church!

Peace be with you in this season of resurrection. It is good to be together.

We are a community committed to the fostering of faith for young participants. Children are encouraged to participate fully in worship and are encouraged to growth through Sunday School. Classes for all ages are available at 9:00am.

Discover more about the congregation at our website [messiahlyndhurst.org](http://messiahlyndhurst.org) or on social media at [facebook.com/MLC44124](https://facebook.com/MLC44124).

Prayer Concerns can be shared via email ([pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org](mailto:pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org)) or phone (440-442-6941). Please indicate if you would like your request to be considered for inclusion in worship or with our Prayer Partners prayer chain ministry.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated weekly. Worshippers of all ages are welcome at Christ's Table. If Communion is new for you or a young one in your family, we invite you to have a conversation with Pastor Paul.

## Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Paul Jones Moody
Assisting Minister	Jeff Krestel
Organist	Adam Dellinger
Choir Director	Vicki Lester
Altar Guild	Twyla Lucas
Reader	Gail Patton
Ushers	Gregg Greanoff
Acolyte	Jaime Trost

# GATHERING

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Rock of Ages*  
John M. Rasley

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*(Please rise in body or spirit. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## GATHERING HYMN

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

ELW #400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

## 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

# WORD

## FIRST READING

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**



<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your <sup>l</sup> works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full <sup>l</sup> of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- <sup>l</sup> y to number,**

**living things both | small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their  
dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God.  
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.  
Hal- | lelujah!**

## **SECOND READING:**

**Romans 8:22-27**

*By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.*

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;  
<sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.  
<sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## ANTHEM

Day of Pentacost  
Pepper Choplin

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The Holy Gospel According to Saint John:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to

you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Paul Jones Moody

*(Please observe a moment of silence after the sermon)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*  
ELW #399



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -  
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you  
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

## **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,  
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**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*(A brief silence)*

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered)*

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

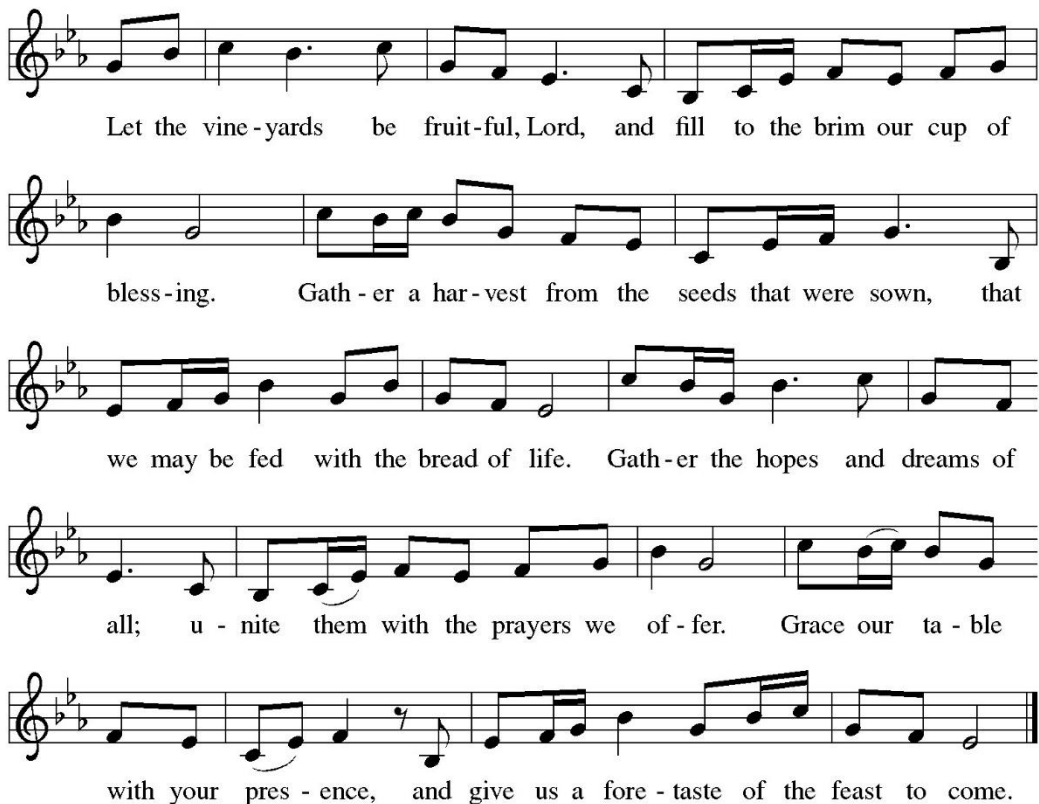
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you" or similar response.)*

## OFFERING

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

## OFFERING RESPONSE



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 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.

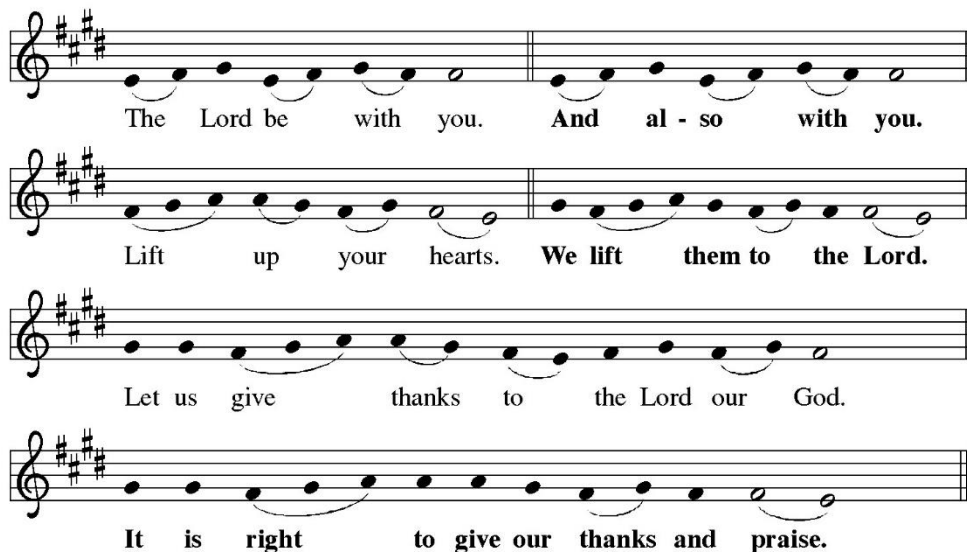
## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.**

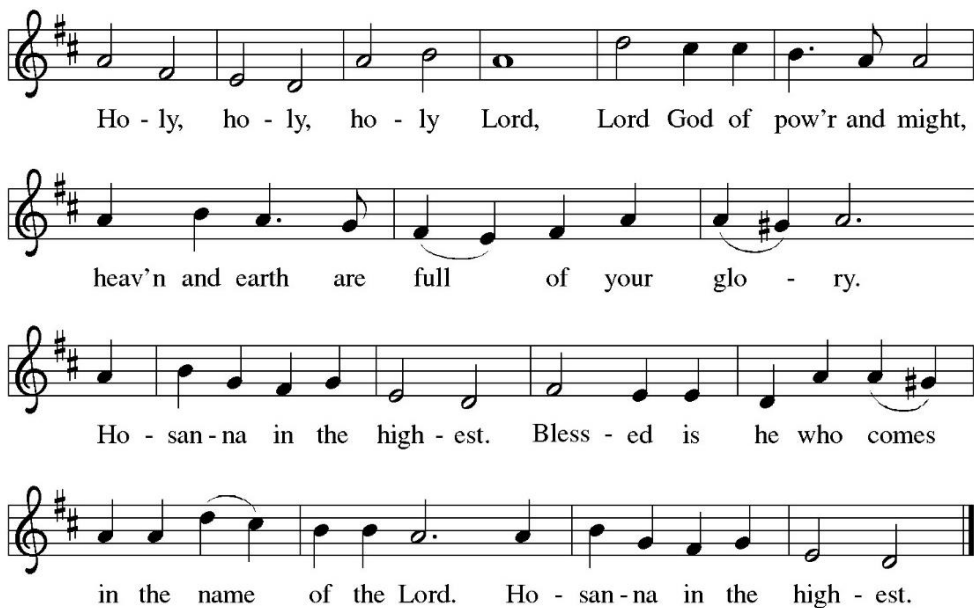
# MEAL

## 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

This is the day that in joy and delight  
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth  
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,  
all holy and mighty and glorious God.  
For Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

This is the day that you gave light to the earth.  
This is the day that you save the Israelites through the sea  
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.  
Now every night is as bright as day,  
and that light is Christ:

**Thanks be to God.**

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.  
This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,  
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace.  
The Lamb who is slain has begun to reign, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.  
Illumine our lives with your presence,  
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,  
for that light is Christ:

**Thanks be to God.**

All holy and mighty and glorious God,  
radiant Creator, victorious Savior, and shining Spirit,  
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,

and we praise your victory through all time and space,  
for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

Amen and amen:  
**amen and amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**



# HOLY COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.  
All are welcome here.

*(Please follow the usher's guidance, coming forward to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you would like to be served in your pew, please let an usher know, and the team will come and serve you.*

*The Sacrament will be served in a continuous line. Please approach the server to receive bread. If you would like gluten-free bread, please let the server know. If you would like wine, pick up an empty cup from the tray. Your cup will be filled with wine from the pouring chalice. If you would like white grape juice, please find a pre-filled cup in the tray. You may eat and drink as you are served, then please make your way back to be seated in your pew.)*



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, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW #471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

# COMMUNION HYMN

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

ELW #461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

# COMMUNION HYMN

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
ELW #855



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*(Please rise in body or spirit)*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION PRAYER

As God has gathered us and filled our hearts with Word and Sacrament, now God sends us forth to serve in mission. Let us pray:

**Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to share the word; care and support each other in God's community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch.  
Amen.**

### BLESSING

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

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

ELW #543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*(Please observe a moment of silence before the postlude)*

## POSTLUDE

## **Messiah Staff Members**

Building & Custodial: Steve Newcomer  
Choir Director: Vicki Lester  
Community Faith Facilitator: Sheryl Trost  
Office Administrator: Steven Liss  
Organist: Adam Dellinger  
Social Media & Website: Kristy Bohinc

## **Attributions**

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## **Prayers**

**Prayer Team & Partners:** Our Prayer Team will pray with/for you. Please complete a blue Prayer Request Card, available in the sanctuary, which offers these options: (1) request a Pastoral follow-up, (2) include in the intercessory prayers to be read aloud in worship, (3) add to the ongoing list in the Bulletin and Grace Note, or (4) add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.

**Please pray for our siblings in Christ:** Lila Boehler, Jim Burghart, Linda Graves, Spencer Griffith, Diane Kosovich, Jill Makee, Meredith (Makee) Moore, Lisa Perry, Bill Repke, Rick, Heather Stoykovich, Carolyn Sugiuchi, the family and friends of Jane Nied, as well as all those in need of comfort and healing.

*(Prayer requests included in the bulletin will remain active for a period of four weeks. If you wish to have the prayer renewed, please resubmit accordingly.)*

## **Announcements**

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Connie Tittl and Kathy Kidd.

**Summer Picnic:** Celebrate Summer and VBS at our all-church picnic on Sunday June 9 at Wiley Park in Mayfield Village. There will be worship, food, and even sand volleyball!

## **Pastor Paul's Office Hours:**

Wednesdays: 1:00 – 3:00pm



## Church Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Fri: 12:00 – 4:00pm

*In-person access to the office is via appointment only.*

## Attendance and Offering for the week May 12, 2024:

Attendance: 64      Offering: \$3,349

## Special Acknowledgments

Email to [messiahlutheranoffice@gmail.com](mailto:messiahlutheranoffice@gmail.com) by Wednesday at 3pm for publication on the following Sunday. We'll keep items in print for at least two weeks.



- ♥ I wish to thank everyone for their kindness and support during my sister, Jane Nied's illness and passing. I appreciated all the cards, calls, and caring words. Special thanks to the following:  
Pastor – thank you for your visits to Jane and a beautiful funeral service.  
Vicki – your gorgeous solo of "The Lord's Prayer" was so meaningful.  
Adam – how empty a service without music; your organ offerings were beautiful.  
Steve – thanks for preparing the Bulletin featuring the lovely cover photo of Jane.  
The Zak's – thank you for taking the time to usher.
- ♥ This is the final choir anthem of the season! Thank you to my choir for one more wonderful year of singing! You are the best! And to Adam for putting up with tempo changes and cuts and additions and all of us (Vicki Lester)!
- ♥ Thank you, Sunday School and Youth, for your excellent service to Messiah Sunday. The prelude by the Sunday schoolers was a joyous start to the service. The readers were excellent and easy to hear. Choir anthem was beautiful, as usual. Annette Lenz's piano song for the offering was lovely. The youth ushers were great with all of their tasks. You will all be missed over the summer months (Karen Zak).
- ♥ What a great Earth Day! Thank you to Gail Patton and the Sunday School children for planting a tulip tree. It was a joy to hear Jill Snellman's flute playing in church. We enjoyed eating the special Earth Day treats made by Kathy Kidd and Jill Snellman. We so appreciate the talented people of Messiah (Bette Schmidt).