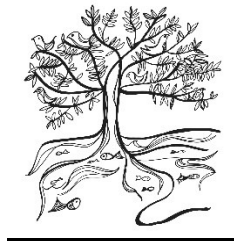


*The Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Messiah is to proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ by daily witness through prayer, service, and thanksgiving.*

**Welcome to Worship**  
**April 28, 2024**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Celebrating our 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



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## Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn:**

Come, Thou Almighty King

LBW 522

### 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** **O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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**

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*\*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 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.  
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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.

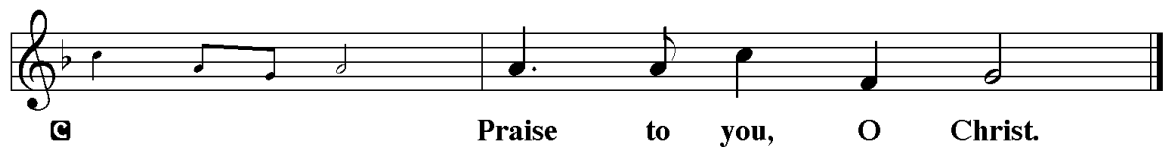
**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, 24<sup>th</sup> chapter, starting with verse 43.



<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated*

Reading from "The Story" NIV Bible  
Chapter 31 – The End of Time

**Children's Sermon**

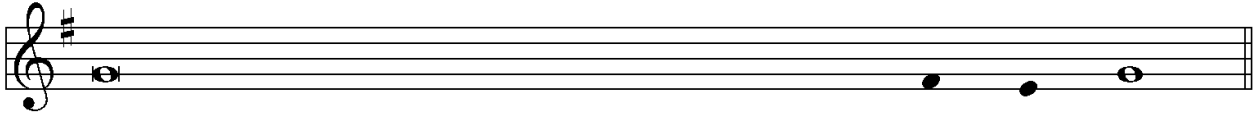
*As the children come forward everyone sings "Jesus Loves Me."*

**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:** Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won! LBW 133

### 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> 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'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)

**(W)hole Hearted:** We have registered for the GriefShare Program and will be leading a 13 week program starting May 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups are located at [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup); this program is available to all who are in need so please share the information with your friends and family.

### Church Calendar

Sunday, May 5	9am LCW Meeting
Monday, May 13	10am (W)hole Hearted – GriefShare
Thursday, May 16	Church's 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!
Sunday, May 19	10am 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Service

Sunday, May 19                      After 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Council Meeting  
Monday, May 27                      10am (W)hole Hearted – GriefShare  
Monday, May 27                      Church office will be closed

**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 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 28, 2024	Kathy Harold	
May 5, 2024	Judy Condino	Lynn Engelhart
May 12, 2024	Bruce Smithson	
May 19, 2024	Kathy Harold	Candy Ingwersen



May 26, 2024	TBA	
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*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 28, 2024	William Borget	
May 5, 2024	Noah Balcom	William Borget
May 12, 2024	Gavin Hotchkiss	Luciana Hotchkiss
May 19, 2024	Olivea Fronczek	Gavin Hotchkiss
May 26, 2024	Gavin Hotchkiss	Olivea Fronczek

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	Bill Bennion
Terry Collesano	Barbara Nashwinter
	Linda Fleck

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



## Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long-er can ap - pall me;  
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne there a - bove all things is giv - en.  
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died, hence will I, to Je - sus liv - ing,  
4 Je - sus lives! And I am sure, nei - ther life nor death shall sev - er  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death but the gate of life im - mor - tal;



Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ re - call me.  
I shall go where he is gone, live and reign with him in heav - en.  
pure in heart and act a - bide, praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing.  
me from him. I shall en - dure in his love, through death, for - ev - er.  
this shall calm my trem - bling breath when I pass its gloom - y por - tal.



Bright-er scenes will then com-mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
God is faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
All I need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
God will be my sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715–1769; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, alt.  
Music: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662