



**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*April 5, 2026*

*Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day*

*Pastor Ben Cherland*

**Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church**  
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*Please be aware that our services are live-streamed. All participating adults and children appear on camera. If you'd prefer not to be filmed, there are seats along the wall in front of the Tech Booth that will keep you off camera. For Communion, simply remain in your seats and Pastor Ben will come to serve you.*

**GATHERING**

**Prelude: *Praise Him, Praise Him*** Ted Cornell  
***Beautiful Savior/I Know That My Redeemer Lives*** Anne Marie David

**Procession of the Christ Candle**

**Messiah Chimes: *The Day of Resurrection*** McKechnie  
***Classical Easter*** Helman

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.  
Clothe us 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 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW 365)

## 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.**

## 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

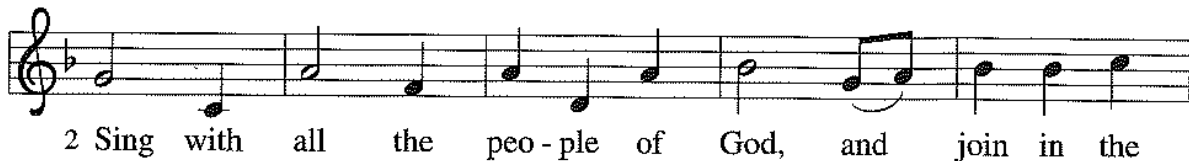
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

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



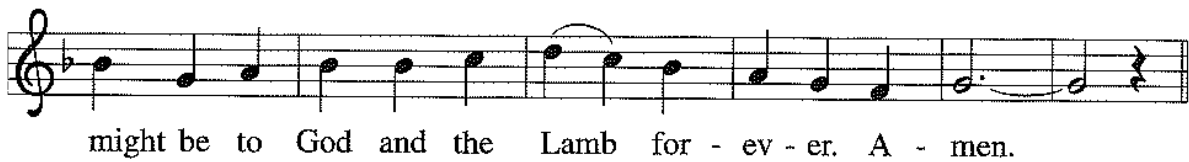
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



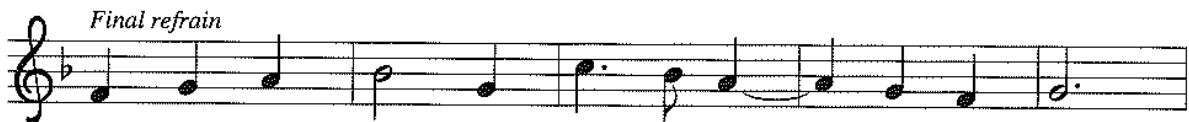
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

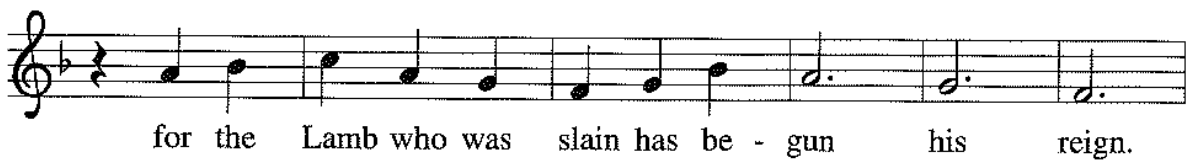


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*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.

## Prayer of the Day

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### Children Sermon

#### **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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**

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

<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.

## **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

## Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

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

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day *ELW 364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia***

**The 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 he 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.***

Knowing that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## Peace

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

## MEAL

### Offering

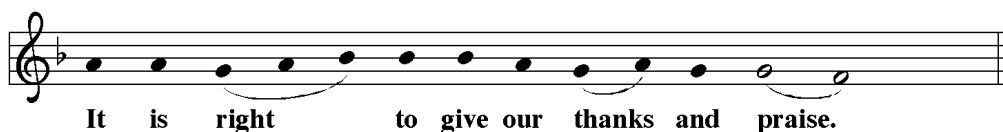
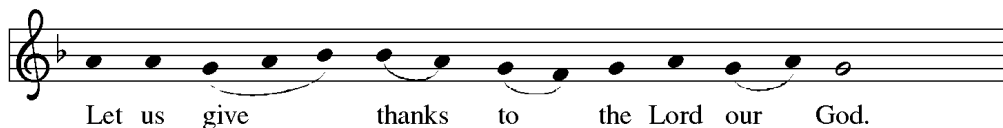
*We Welcome Glad Easter arr. Brian Childers*

### Offering Prayer

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue



**Preface (Pastor)**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy**

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
 your glo - ry fills all heav - en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
 . . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
 Music: Argentine traditional  
 English text © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

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## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Communion**

### **Communion**

**Communion Hymn** (*see next page*)

# In This Feast of Love

*Tässä pöydässä*

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*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä,                      täs - sä*  
 1 In this feast of love,                      in this  
 2 In this bread and wine,                      in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord,                      grant us

*pöy - däs - sä                      syn - ti - sil - le*  
 feast of love,                      Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine,                      you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord;                      fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat,                      Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
 blood and your bod - y,                      Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us,                      Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it,                      ev - er - liv - ing Word.

## Prayer After Communion

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, **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 389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude *Toccata on Great Day* Hailstork**

## Delving Into the Bible

**Luke 1:37** For with God nothing shall be impossible.

A year ago many people thought I would not be able to take care of myself and would have to go into a nursing home, but with God's blessings, look at me now!

*Dolly Koski*

## Announcements

You are invited to stay following the service  
to enjoy a light brunch in the gathering area. All are welcome!



### Memory and Honor Dedications

Rhonda and Alistair Baker in memory of Robin Swanson

DJ Rosekelly in memory of Dick Rosekelly

Suzi D. Hansen in memory of Allen Hansen

Barbara Marquart in memory of Howard Marquart

Beverly Urbaniak in memory of Albert Schiavon

In memory of Edwin and Rhoda Butler

**Pop-up Choir!** All singers are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 9:00 am next Sunday, April 12, to prepare music for worship. Questions?  
Contact Bonnie at 406-570-2923.

Thank you to all who participated in leading worship today, including:  
Messiah Chimes, Readers, Ushers, Communion Assistants,  
and Tech Booth Attendants.

If you'd like to participate in leading worship, speak to Martha Crofts - there is always a need for more faces in these roles.

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Messiah Chimes has had the joy of ringing handbells these winter and spring seasons through the generous spirit of First Lutheran Church Havre. Special thanks to Pastor Megan Hoewisch and Sue Ost for the loan of these beautiful musical instruments that will return home in May.

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Help us spread the word about all the amazing things happening at Messiah! Our Outreach Committee is dedicated to sharing our mission, celebrating the talents of our members, and fostering growth within our congregation. If you have a passion for connecting with others and showcasing the wonderful gifts within our church family, we'd love to have you on board!

Get involved today!

Contact Sandy Moe at [sandra.moe@rocky.edu](mailto:sandra.moe@rocky.edu) / 218-341-0283.

Let's grow together!

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Messiah is in need of regular cleaning. If you are willing to sign up to do some light cleaning (bathrooms, vacuuming, or glass cleaning) it would go a long way. We all need to do our part to keep the building sparkling! Please let Dianne know what you'd like to contribute. And THANK YOU

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<p><b>Special Offering for</b> April Lutheran World Relief Quilters</p>
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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

The people of Messiah are praying for

Claudia B, Meredith Cherland, the family of Jack Ervin, Hannah Gonzales, John Graham, Dolly Koski, Rick and Sandy Koski, Jim Kyner, Doug & Mary Lair, Lois Miller, Carlos Ramalho, Roxanne Runyan, Sadie Sceva, Guynema Terry, Ace and Jett Wildung, Josh Wilker, Josh Winter, and Judy Yasi,  
The unspoken prayer requests of our congregation.

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In an effort to make Messiah comfortable and welcoming for everyone, we ask that you refrain from using strong personal scents or perfumes. Thank you.

*Live by faith . Share Christ's Love . Be a Voice for Hope*