

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church Easter IV | May 8, 2022

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.

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GATHERING

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 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 ELW 385 Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing



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



Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Life of the Church (Quilt Blessing)

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Children's Sermon

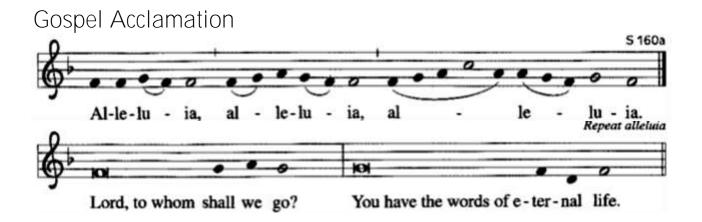
Acts 9:36-43 (See back of bulletin) Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways **for your name's sake.** Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

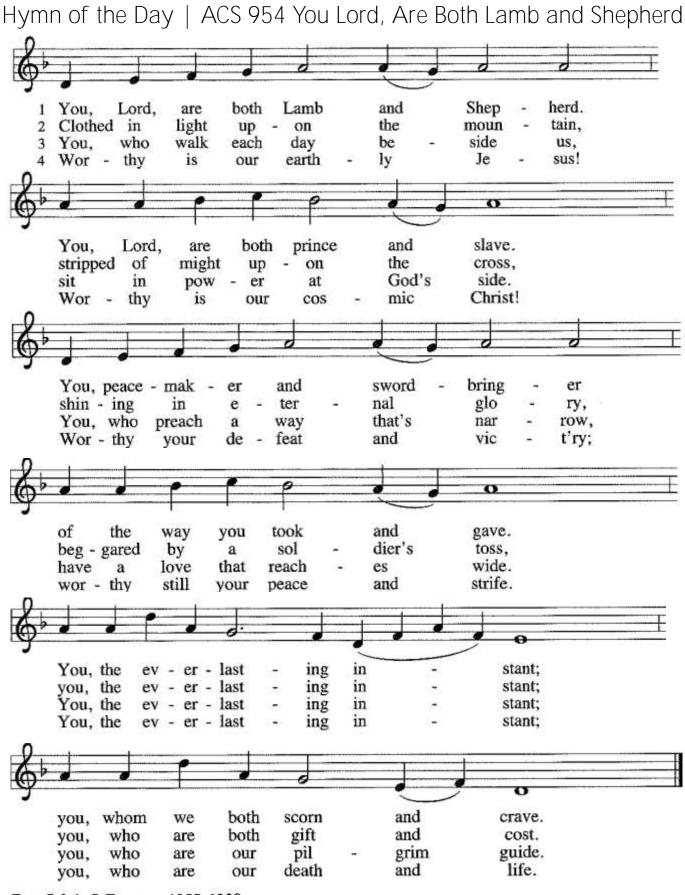
for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Revelation 7:9-17 (See back of bulletin) Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord. John 10:22-30 (See back of bulletin) The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993 Music: French folk tune, 17th cent. Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

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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.

New Member Welcome

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

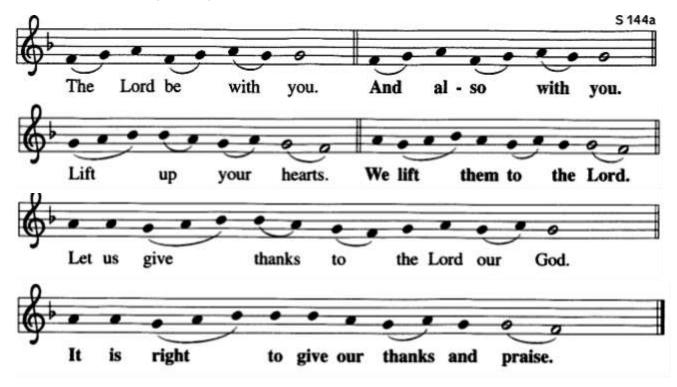
Offertory Hymn | ELW 464 | Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



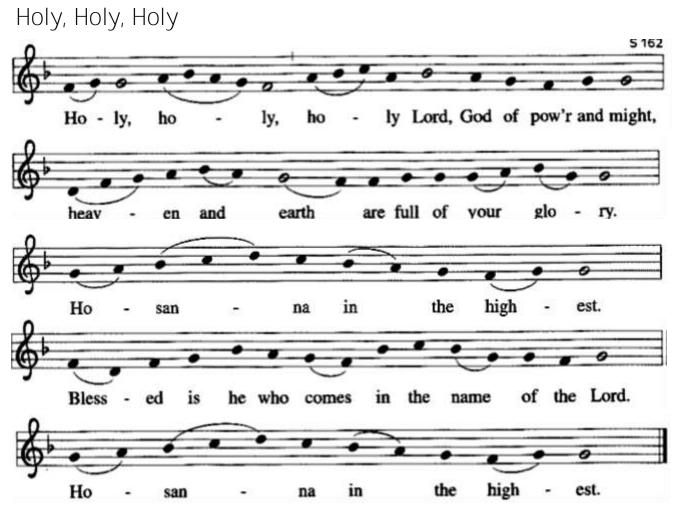
Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 Music: Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards Text and music © 1996 Hope Publishing Company JESUS, FEED US 7 4 7 5

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

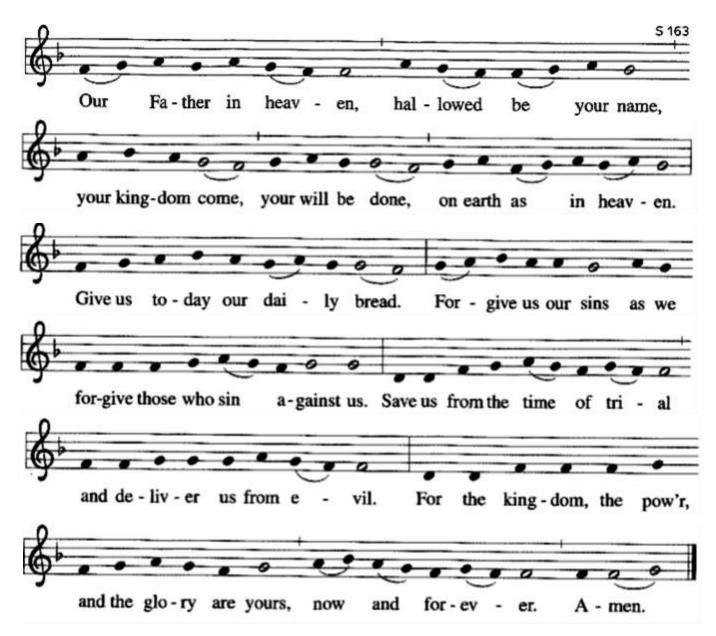


Preface for Easter



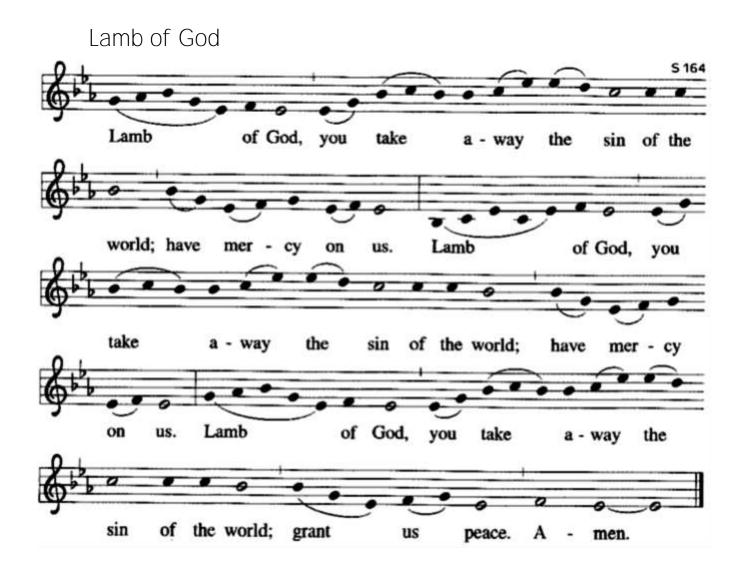
The Lord's Prayer

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



Invitation to the Table

Communion



Post Communion Prayer

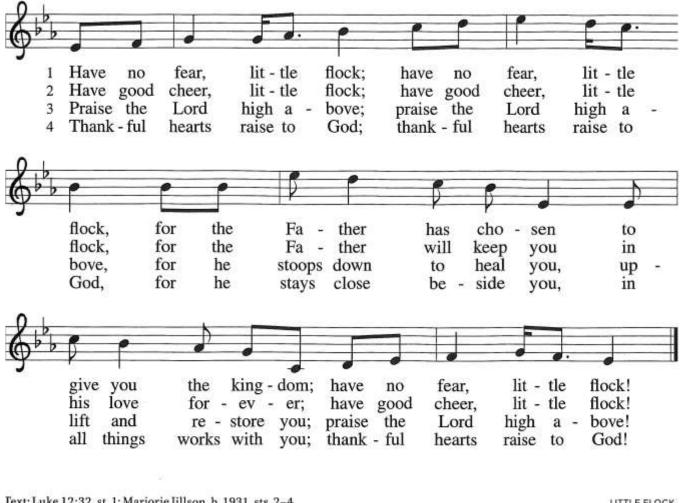
Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Sending</u>

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 Sprit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn | ELW 764 Have No Fear Little Flock



Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2–4 Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930 Fert and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House

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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

Special Offering for May is Christikon Lutheran Church Camp

Choirchime players wanted...watch for more information

Important Congregational Meeting May 22 following worship regarding granting Council authority to sell the church building

We need your help. Highway Cleanup Saturday June 11. Gather at Messiah at 9:00 am and carpool. Wear boots and gloves and bring several large black trash bags. Thanks!

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 446-2430 or messiahprayers@gmail.com with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

Lowell Anderson Emma Balsam Manuel Cabanas Lenny Erickson Brooke Feister Larry Fry Nathan Green Andrea Holmen Herb & Myrna Hunt

Jim Johnson Jim Koski Rick Koski Sandy Koski Neil Laird Jim & Linda Lian Ray Loyning Venessa Reyes Shilo & Kingston Moncada James "Bud" Ridenour Dick Rosekelly DJ Rosekelly Christian Strickland Josh Wilker Eva Wilker Jim Zenz



Messiah Lutheran Church

Light in the Beartooths

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



FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God

who is seated on the throne. and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saving, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God.
 - and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

- ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
 - and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
 - and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 11:1-18; Psaim 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.

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