



Resurrection of our Lord
Easter Vigil

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light **and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.**

Announcements

Let us pray,

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness **of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun** of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ, yesterday and today,	+
the beginning and the end	A Q
To Christ belongs all time	2
and all the ages;	0
to Christ belongs glory and dominion	2
now and forever	2
Amen	

Lighting the Paschal Candle

The Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Procession

The light of Christ. Thanks be to God. *(Repeated 3 times)*

The Easter Proclamation

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


WORD

(Each of these 7 readings is followed by singing, silence, and prayer)

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, **“Let there be light,” and there was light.** ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, **“Let there be an expanse** in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven.  And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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⁹ And God said, **“Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.”** And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹ And God said, **“Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.”** And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, **“Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,** ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light up **on the earth.”** And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, **“Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”** ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, **“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”** ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, **“Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.”** And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, **“Let us make man** in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on **the earth.”**

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27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, **“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”** 29 And God said, **“Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.** 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have **given every green plant for food.”** And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

ELW 295 | Of the Father's Love Begotten

Listen once to the cello, then join with verse

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

(Silence)

Prayer

Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

(Silence)

Prayer

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to **Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”** But Moses said to the people, **“Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”**

Then the LORD **said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.** But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory **for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.”** The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went **into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers.** At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot **wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”** Then the LORD said to **Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.”** So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.

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The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet **Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."**

I will sing to the Lord who has triumphed gloriously,
For the horse and the rider God has thrown into the sea.

(Silence)

Prayer

Isaiah 55: 1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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ELW 331 | As the Deer Runs to the River

Listen to the cello and piano first, then join on verse 1



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst-ing for your heal - ing grace.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."

Refrain



Je - sus, source of liv-ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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JULIEN
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Alternate Tune: PICARDY

(Silence)

Prayer

Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**I'll take from you your heart of stone and fill you with my Spirit,
I'll give to you a heart of flesh and fill you with my Spirit.**

(Silence)

Prayer

Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ACS 1025 If We Live, We Live to the Lord

Musical score for the hymn "If We Live, We Live to the Lord". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "If we live, we live to the Lord, If we die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or wheth-er we die, we are the Lord's." There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket above the notes in the second and third staves.

(Silence)

Prayer

Gospel Acclamation | ELW 212 You Belong to Christ

Musical score for the Gospel Acclamation "You Belong to Christ". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia." The first staff has a fermata over the final note. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.
John 20:1-18
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Sermon

Procession - ELW 459 | Wade in the Water

WATER

Affirmation of Baptism

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Affirmation by the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant
God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in
your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you
give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in
your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and under-
standing, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the
fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

Follow the sound of the drum...

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

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.

Preface for Easter

Holy, Holy, Holy

S 162

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

Eucharistic Prayer | Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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



S 163

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Invitation to the Table

Communion

Hallelujah



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 Sprit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

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. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Announcements

Special Offering for April is *Lutheran World Relief*

- We will be purchasing Garden Party hanging flower baskets, but still need some additional funds to cover the cost.
- Join us on Monday, April 25th at 5:00 pm out on the land (192 Lower Continental Drive) for a Ground Breaking ceremony to mark the start of construction on the new church.

Holy Week Services at Messiah
Resurrection of Our Lord 9:30 am

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
Marphel Ballentine
Emma Balsam
Russ Born
Manuel Cabanas
The Family of Amy
Crane
Lenny Erickson
Brooke Feister
Larry Fry
Mike Gasparro

Nathan Green
Andrea Holmen
Herb & Myrna Hunt
Jim Johnson
Jim Koski
Rick Koski
Sandy Koski
Neil Laird
Jim & Linda Lian
Ray Loyning
Howard Marquardt
Shilo & Kingston Moncada

The family of
Tallu Quinn
Kenneth Rich
James "Bud" Ridenour
Dick Rosekelly
DJ Rosekelly
Julie Schweitzer
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

