



Messiah Lutheran Church
Light in the Beartooths

Resurrection of our Lord
Easter Vigil
March 30, 2024

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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	4
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

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

The Great Thanksgiving

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from bondage to the ancient sin. For this indeed is the Paschal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

This is the night **This is the night** in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, and led them, dry-shod, through the sea. This is the night **This is the night** in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness. This is the night **This is the night** in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness. This is the night **This is the night** in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph. O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and hour in which Christ rose again from hell!

This is the night **This is the night** of which it is written: "The night is as clear as day," and, "then shall my night be turned into day." The holiness of this night puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin; restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn; casts out hate; brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ reflected in the burning of this candle. We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax which the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle. This is the night **This is the night** in which heaven and earth are joined—things human and things divine.

(Continues...)

We therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May Christ the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race.

And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time and our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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 a sung response and silence)

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Of the Father's Love Begotten'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the start of the verse. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Genesis 22:1-18

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

(Silence)

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

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

(Silence)

Isaiah 55: 1-11

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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Alternate Tune: PICARDY

(Silence)

Ezekiel 36:24-28

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)

Romans 6:3-11

ACS 1025 If We Live, We Live to the Lord

Three staves of musical notation in G minor (one flat). 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." The first staff contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line, with a triplet of eighth notes above "wheth-er we live". The third staff contains the third line, with a triplet of eighth notes above "wheth-er we die".

(Silence)

Gospel Acclamation | ELW 212 You Belong to Christ

Two staves of musical notation in D major (two sharps). 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 contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the second line, with a triplet of eighth notes above "Al - le - lu - ia".

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

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: "We present Liam Canyon Moore for baptism."

Liam, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? "I do."

Brent and Jodie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Liam baptized into Christ? "We do."

As you bring Liam to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with Liam among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Liam grow in the Christian faith and life? "We do"

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Liam in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? "We do"

People of God, do you promise to support Liam and pray for him in his new life in Christ? "We do"

Profession of Faith

I ask you all, with Liam, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

“I renounce them”

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

“I renounce them”

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

“I renounce them”

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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord by with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family
and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free
from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, and the spirit of mercy.

Liam, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Liam with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
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**

Liam, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Procession to the Table *(Please proceed to the Chancel)*

Two staves of music in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

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

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

Four staves of music in D minor. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The melody is a simple, steady line of quarter notes. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The piece ends with a double bar line. The number "S 144a" is written in the top right corner of the first staff.

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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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ELW 717 Hallelujah!

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He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

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

Easter service—the Resurrection of our Lord March 31, 10:00 am

Special Offering for April is Lutheran World Relief

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, contact the church office at 446-2430 or *redlodgemessiah@gmail.com* or write your request in the prayer request binder in the church gathering space. with specific information and permission from the person you are adding.

Today the people of Messiah are praying for Jackie Cordill, Brooke Feister, Dolly & Jim Koski, Rick & Sandy Koski, Phyllis Kreatz, Eugene Rosekelly, and Shirley Petersen

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