MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2025



"We have found the Messiah" John 1:41b

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased to meet you and have you visit with us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entryway (Narthex) as well as the attendance sheet located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.

- **RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex.
- **QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.
- **QUIET/CALMING ROOM** and changing table is located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).
- INVITATION TO COMMUNION The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal, and trusting in the promises of his Word, "—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.
- RECEIVING COMMUNION Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."

• OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study: **Studying "Revelation"** in the **Pine Tree House**.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 4th & 5th Grades in the **Pine Tree House.**

Sunday -9:15 a.m. Sunday School: $6^{th} - 12^{th}$ Grades in the **Pine Tree House**.

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study: **Studying "The Parables of Jesus"** in the **Pine Tree House.**

Tuesday – 6:00 p.m. Pastor's Men's Potluck Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House.**



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

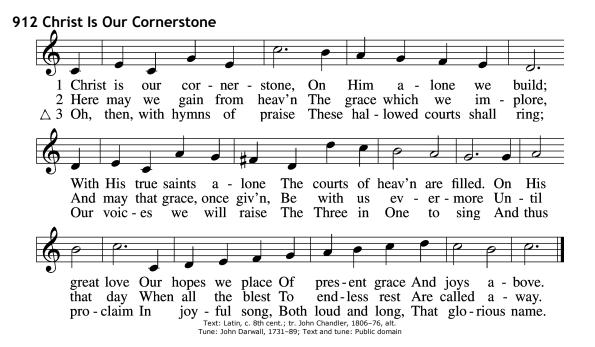
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to grow in our relationship with God through worship, education, and service while sharing Christ's peace and fellowship with all.

AS WE GATHER

The Lessons this morning remind us we who are on the journey towards the Cross of Good Friday have a very bright future. Consider these words from the Old Testament Lesson this morning; "Remember not the former things,...Behold I am doing a new thing..." Spoken to God's people of old and to us, the reminder that better days are coming. They are! Remember Easter!

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION - (Quiet Please)



+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 151

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 151

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

KYRIE LSB 152

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
 - Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

⁵Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

EPISTLE Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 20:9–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \top of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



430 My Song Is Love Unknown



They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes

That He His foes From thence might free.

Verse 6

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home

But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

Verse 7

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.

This is my friend, In whose sweet praise

I all my days Could gladly spend! Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683
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"The Joy of Dreams Fulfilled" Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For courage, that God would deliver us from fear, give us boldness to confess His saving truth, and assure us of deliverance in time of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For pastors, that they would be faithful in the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments; and for the church, that we would receive these gifts in thankfulness that Christ was rejected by sinners so that we may be welcomed into His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For parents, that God would bless them with every good gift to teach their children that salvation and life is theirs in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For civil authorities, that God would strengthen them to discourage evil and encourage good; and that He would keep us ever mindful that it is He who shields us and lifts our heads, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For [_______and] all who suffer in our midst, that our heavenly Father would remind them continually of His benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- P (Special Petitions)
- C hear our prayer.
- P For repentant hearts, that we may abandon all confidence in our flesh, counting all other gains as loss, and so receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all the faithful, that we may count all things as loss except Christ and Him crucified and be drawn to Him through Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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VOLUNTARY

OFFERING

Stand



+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208



□ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

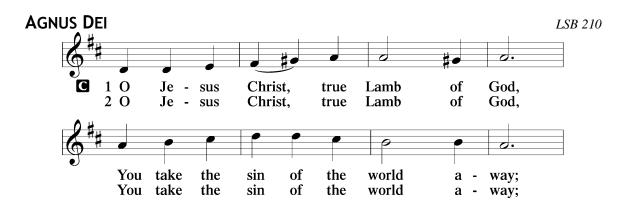
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

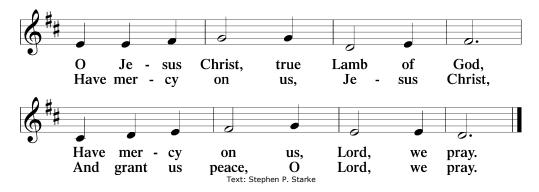
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



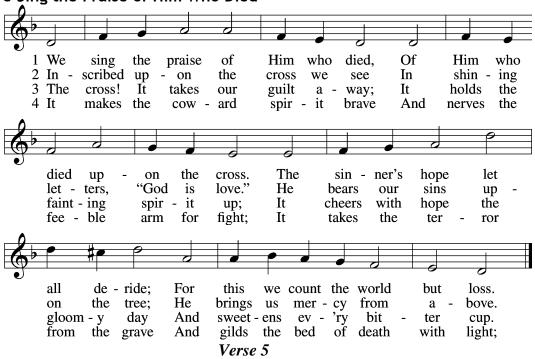


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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died



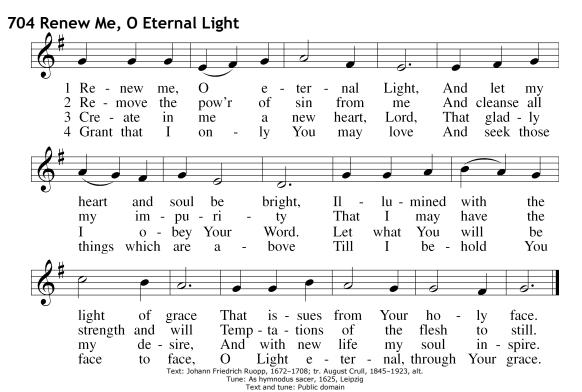
The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love, The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heav'n above.

Verse 6

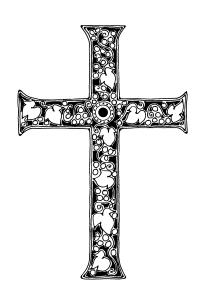
To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race

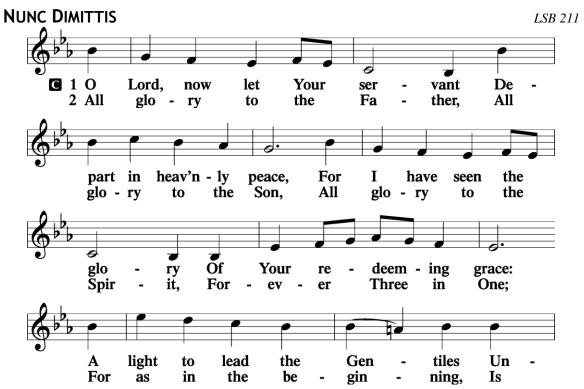
Forever and forevermore.

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Stand







POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

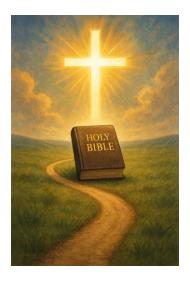
BENEDICTION LSB 166

P 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 T give you peace.

C Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore Thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love! 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays,
- \triangle 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, Ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise. Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir - it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee. Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday: Palm/Passion Sunday John 12:12 - 19; Deuteronomy 32:36 – 39; Philippians 2:5 – 11; Luke 22:1 – 23:56

<u>Saint Days, Feast Days, and Commemorations this Week:</u> April 6 - Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Duer – Artist

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus..." Hebrews 12:1

Those serving this week (6th): Those serving NEXT week (13th):

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OFFICIANT	Rev. Dr. Richard Lohmeyer	OFFICIANT	Rev. Dr. Richard Lohmeyer
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ELDER	Charlie Francis	ELDER	Larry Lorden
ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent	ORGAN/PIANO	Kay Vincent

This Week at Messiah Lutheran

Monday

6:00 Church Council Meeting

Tuesday

- 10:00 Bible Study with Pastor: "The Parables of Jesus"
- 6:00 Men's Potluck Bible Study

Wednesday

- 12:00 Midweek Lent Worship
- 5:00 First Communion Class
- 6:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper
- 7:00 Midweek Lent Worship

Thursday

- 9:00 Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch
- All day Pastor's Out-of-Office for Pastor's Conference in Lakeland, FL
 - ***REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS***

HELP KEEP PRAYER LIST UP TO DATE:

Please take a moment to read the "*In Our Prayers*" section in the bulletin. If you have any updates—whether it's a new request, a change in condition, or a name that can be removed—please share them with Raquel. We want to keep our prayers as current and meaningful as possible. Thank you for helping us care for one another in prayer!

A NOTE FROM PASTOR LOHMEYER:

Please take a moment to read the special insert in today's bulletin—a note from Pastor Lohmeyer regarding the new placement of the Baptismal Font. This change is a meaningful reflection of our faith and the significance of Holy Baptism. We encourage you to read his message in its entirety and reflect on the blessing of your own Baptism.



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