

# Third Sunday of Easter



**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

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## TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

### *Some helpful things to know*

- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.
- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed *for you.*"
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

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## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

*Music and Quiet*

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen," Michael Burkhardt

*Asking God's Forgiveness (11:00 only); 8:30 am see pg. 4*

*Stand*

In the name of the Father, and the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for self-examination.*

Most merciful God

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

(8:30) "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here," #443  
(11:00) "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs,"  
#847 stanzas 1, 2

Baptism (8:30 only – see green insert)

## Greeting

Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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.**

## Singing God's praise


*Refrain*



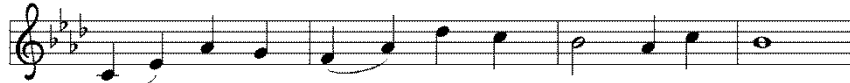
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



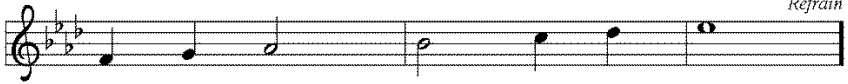
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## GOD'S WORD

### Today's Prayer

Let us pray: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

### From the Book of Acts

Acts 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain*

*Cantor sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print*

- <sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup>**While I felt se- | cure, I said,  
"I shall never | be disturbed.**
- <sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup>**I cried to | you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**
- <sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?
- <sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;  
O LORD, | be my helper." Refrain**
- <sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.
- <sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. Refrain**

*From a New Testament letter*

Revelation 5:11-14

- <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and

glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *From one of the four Gospels*

John 21:1-19

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel is recorded in the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of St. John.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was

the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

*God's Word for Today*

Tim Rosenberger  
Seminarian

*Stand*

*Hymn for Today*

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing," #389

*Confessing our Faith (11:00 only)*

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

*Offering our Prayers*

*After each portio of the prayers*

God our Savior. . .  
**. . . have mercy and hear us.**

*Sharing Christ's peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with these or similar words*

*Sit*  
**Gathering Gifts** "Risen Today," Aaron Shust

*Stand*  
**The Gifts are Presented** "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs," #847 stanzas 3& 4

Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and pow'r divine;  
And blessings, more than we can give,  
Be, Lord, forever thine.

Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of God who sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.

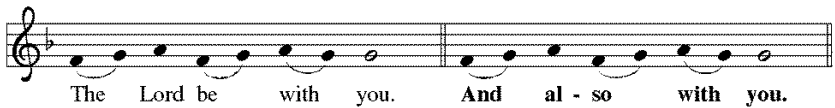
Let us pray. Merciful Father

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

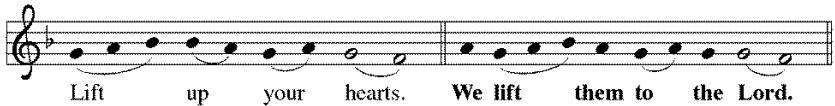
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## CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

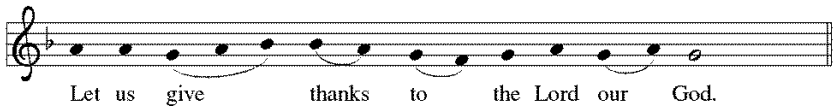
### Preparing our hearts



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

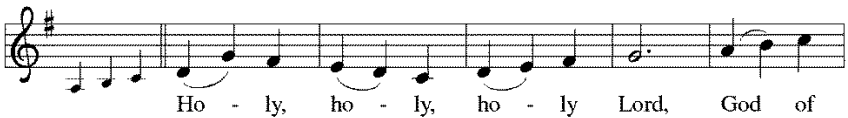


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Blessed is he who comes in the



## Prayer of Consecration

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. . . . now and forever. **Amen.**

**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**

*Sit; To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside cover.*

## Communion Songs

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

**#488**

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

**#378**

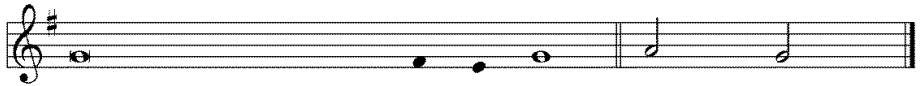
*Stand*

*Post Communion Prayer*

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*ON OUR WAY*

*A Final Word and Promise*



Almighty God, Father, † Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.      A - men

*A Song*

“By All Your Saints”

#420, stanzas 1, 8, 2, Last

*A Mission*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Music as we leave*

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing,” J. Wayne Kerr

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## SERVING TODAY

*Preaching Minister* – Tim Rosenberger

*Presiding Minister* – Pastor Burce

*Assisting Minister* – Linda Herhuth (8:30); Janice Snyder (11:00)

*Lector* – Marty Uhle (8:30); James Quayle (11:00)

*Communion Assistants* – Kent Skurkey, Lee Vysoky (8:30);  
Eileen Spicer, James Quayle, Mike Allan (11:00)

*Acolytes* – Gabrielle Bayness, Gavin Jennings (8:30);  
Bella Epperson, Jason Epperson (11:00)

*Cantors* – Bethany Kresnye (8:30); Rev. Dick Gahl (11:00)

*Organist* – Connie Triplett

*Deacons* – Raffee Johns, Steve Turnbull (8:30);  
Sid Gator, Terrie Leske (11:00)

*Greeters* – Jill Straffen, Scott Straffen (8:30);  
Tom Chalfant (11:00)

*Ushers* – Adam Castro, Ed Kus, Brad Paton (8:30);  
Julia Ellerbruch, Christian Frank, Dana Quayle, Craig Stinard (11:00)

*Nursery*—Nadia Kauntz, Tanya Kauntz (11:00)

*Altar Guild* – Bonnie Price, Laura Schwartz-Gaydos

*Trustee* – Craig Stinard

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✦ The ongoing need for faithful pastors who love Christ and feed his sheep
- ✦ Our fellow Christians in Sri Lanka as they respond to the Easter Sunday attacks on churches there
- ✦ Our Jewish neighbors, contending with attacks on synagogues in our own country
- ✦ Our response today to the mission assignments of our Risen Lord
- ✦ Israel Caminero and other children stricken with cancer, and their parents
- ✦ Students undertaking final examinations and preparing for graduation
- ✦ The ill: Don Braun, Jodi Hoffman, Dorothy Lewis, Bill Manthey, Wil Schuett

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

- ✦ In honor of the nineteenth wedding anniversary of The Revs. Seth and Shelley Nelson-Bridger

## THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

*May 4*—MONICA, d. 387, the Christian mother who shaped the faith of her son, Augustine, one of the all-time great thinkers and teachers of the Church.

*May 8*—Victor the Moor, d. 303, a Roman soldier, born and raised in Africa, who came to faith in Christ and was martyred.

*May 8*—JULIAN OF NORWICH, d. appx. 1416, a Benedictine nun who wrote *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, one of the classics of medieval Christian spirituality.

*May 9*—NICOLAUS LUDWIG VON ZINZENDORF, d. 1760, a Lutheran aristocrat who sponsored world-wide Moravian missions wrote many hymns (e.g. *Jesus, Lead Thou On*).

## GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

*We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine*

*services.*

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*Servants and Missionaries* – All MLC members

*Senior Pastor*– Jerome Burce

*Associate Pastor* – Seth Bridger

*Youth Director* – Peggy Schauer

*Pastoral Assistant* – Ruth Mortensen

*Music Director* – Connie Triplett

*Messiah School Principal* – Helen Casselberry

*Administrator* – Darlene Waugh

*Pierstorff Memorial Fund Director* – Martin Uhle

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*Drawing in to Christ. Building up in Christ. Sending out for Christ.*

*To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.*