

# *Fourth Sunday of Easter*



**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, May 12, 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.



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 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*

"Oh, Blest the House," Sandra Eithun

*Asking God's Forgiveness (8:30 only)*

*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

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" #369

Baptism (11:00 only)

## Greeting

Christ is risen.


**He is risen indeed.**

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

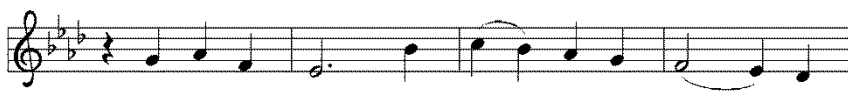
*Refrain*



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:



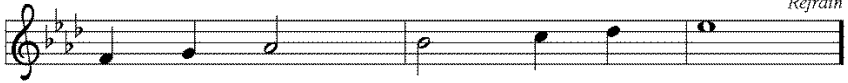
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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: 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.**

*Sit*

### From the Book of Acts

Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since 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." <sup>39</sup>So 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. <sup>40</sup>Peter 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. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

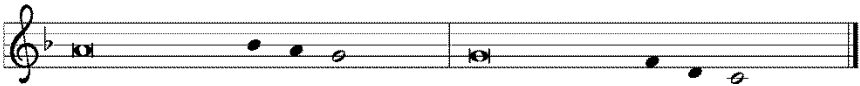
**Thanks be to God.**

*From the Book of Psalms*

*Cantor sings refrain; All sing refrain*



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



<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**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. Refrain**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. Refrain**

## From a New Testament letter

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>For 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. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## From one of the four Gospels

John 10:22-30

*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 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So 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.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

*God’s Word for Today*

*Pr. Burce*

*Stand*

*Hymn for Today*

“The Lord’s My Shepherd,” #778

*Confessing our Faith (8:30 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**





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## CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

### *Preparing our hearts*

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *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.

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

**#370**

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**#484**

*Stand*

*Post Communion Prayer*

**ON OUR WAY**

*A Final Word and Promise*

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## *A Song*

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

**#764**

## *A Mission*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Music as we leave*

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands,”  
J. S. Bach

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## SERVING TODAY

*Preaching Minister* – Pastor Burce

*Presiding Minister* – Pastor Bridger

*Assisting Minister* – Ron Coulter (8:30); Mike Thiel (11:00)

*Lector* – Jared Waugaman (8:30); Mike Snyder (11:00)

*Communion Assistants* – Eric Anderson, Kate Durban, Christa Turnbull (8:30);  
Ray Ling, Wendy Ling, Eileen Spicer (11:00)

*Acolytes* – Kevin McLeeson, Bryce Neumann (8:30)

*Organist* – Connie Triplett

*Cantor* – Katie Campogni (11:00)

*Messiah Choir (8:30)* – Directed by Connie Triplett

*Joy Ringers (11:00)* – Directed by Ruth King

*Deacons* – Ray Durban, Trish Kvasnicka (8:30);  
Katie Norman, Bob Trapp (11:00)

*Greeters* – Frank & Ellen Petak (8:30);  
Bob & Ann Kreps (11:00)

*Ushers* – Ken Novack, Gregory Prohaska, Greg Prohaska (8:30);  
Dominic Bloor, Jim Breckel, Ryan Szczepinski, Aubrey Thiel (11:00)

*Nursery*—Lori Zaremba, Mitchell Zaremba (11:00)

*Altar Guild* – Tiffany Advani, Marilyn Edwards

*Trustee* – David Fretthold

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- ✝ Christians living out their calling in dangerous places
- ✝ The leaders of our country in their duty to care for its citizens
- ✝ The family of William Manthey and Richard Quentmeyer
- ✝ Our mothers as we honor them today
- ✝ The birth of Ivy Janice Kyre
- ✝ The newly baptized: Riley Grayson Smith, Everett Alan Royste
- ✝ The ill: Don Braun, Israel Caminero, Dorothy Lewis, Wil Schuett

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

- ✝ In honor of their Grandson, Everett Alan Royster, by Phil and Kathy Neumann
- ✝ To the Glory of God in honor of all our mothers by The Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Hathaway

## GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

*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.*