

TO OUR GUESTS

WELCOME to our celebration this morning of the great Easter festival. We thank God for your presence. May the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and hope in the glorious news of Christ's resurrection that we proclaim here today. If you are visiting in town, we wish you God's protection on your homeward journey. If you live in the area and would like to learn more about our congregation, please let one of the ushers know.

To learn more about Messiah Lutheran Church, call the church office at 440.331.2405, 8:30 am–4:30 pm Monday through Friday, or visit our website at www.messiahfairview.org. You can find us on Facebook at Messiah Lutheran Church of Fairview Park.



THE EASTER SERVICE AT SUNRISE

April 21 2019

6:30 a.m.

Bain Park Cabin, Fairview Park

Stand

THE LIGHTING OF THE EASTER CANDLE

The worship leader begins by tracing the cross and the Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet:

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega.

C Thanks be to God.

Next the worship leader traces the numerals of the current year.

P His are time and eternity; his are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

C Thanks be to God.

The worship leader sets five nails, representing the five wounds of Christ, into the candle.

P By his wounds we have healing both now and forever.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

The worship leader lights the candle.

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P Remembering our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin

Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

P The light of Christ!

C Thanks be to God!

P Let us pray. Almighty God, through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

HYMN.....“Be Not Afraid”

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!**

FIRST READING.....Colossians 3:1-4

EASTER GOSPEL.....John 20:1-18

GOD'S GOOD NEWS FOR US TODAY

HYMN.....“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

**I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head!**

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN.....“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the creator's praise arise;
Let the redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, in ev'ry tongue.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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OFFERINGS

will be received by the ushers after the service.

Please join us for Easter breakfast in the cabin. Bring your chair with you.

Our thanks to Sam Gmetro, Mark Hunger, Ed Kus, and Tony Sray (team leader) for organizing this morning's breakfast. Ellen Sray and Candem and Jordan Franz prepared the Easter eggs. All are invited!

This morning's festival services with Holy Communion, brass, timpani, hand bells, and choir are at 9 and 11 am at Messiah Lutheran Church, 21485 Lorain Road.



SERVING THIS MORNING

- Preacher..... *Pr. Bridger*
- Liturgist..... *Pr. Burce*
- Set Up *Sam Gmetro, Mark Hunger, Ed Kus, and Tony Sray*
- Deacons..... *Mark and Amy Hunger*