

The Resurrection of Our Lord April 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



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# Welcome to worship!

We are delighted you chose to worship here today. May you be strengthened through God's word and the promise of life in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### Prelude:

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"
"Christ lag in Todesbanden"
"Two Settings on 'Easter Hymn' "
Choir: "Christians, to the Paschal Victim"

J.S. Bach J.S. Bach Walter Pelz Wipo/Plainsong

You are invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type.

# ---- Gathering -----

Please stand as you are able.

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Grace and peace to you from him who is, who was, and who is to come, from our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father — to him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

#### Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The uncountable multitude of nations and peoples stand before the Lamb upon his throne, crying out with a loud voice:

## Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

And all the angels around the throne worship him saying:

# Blessing and honor, glory and thanksgiving, power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

And all the creatures of the earth shout: Amen!

And all the saints and angels shout: Amen!

And the people of the Lamb shout: **Amen and Amen!** 



Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.
——— Word ———

A reading from Acts

Acts 10:34-43

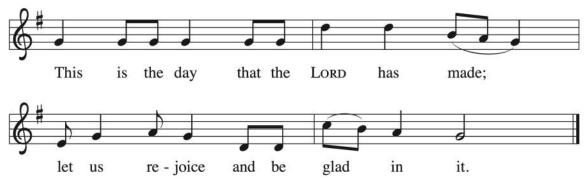
<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

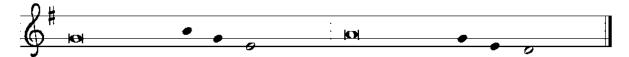
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Choir/Cantor sings Refrain. Assembly joins in singing the second time.



Choir/Cantor sings regular print verses. Assembly sings **bold** verses.



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength I and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents <sup>1</sup> of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works | of the LORD.

Refrain

<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed pun- I ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate <sup>|</sup> of the LORD; here the righ- <sup>|</sup> teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

Refrain

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has I this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be I glad in it.

Refrain

# A reading from 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

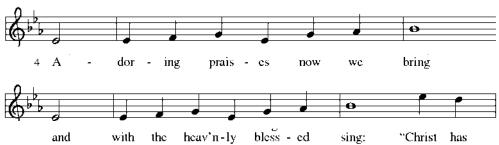
Luke 24:1-12

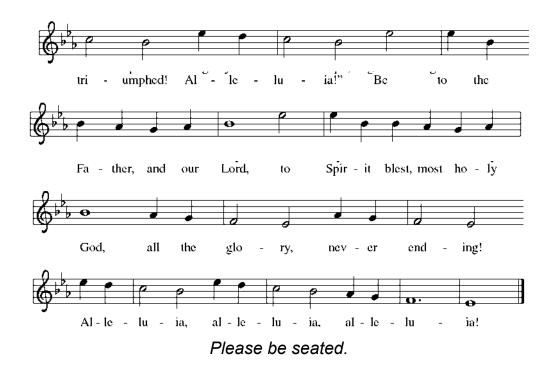
<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

<sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# Praise to you, O Christ.





# Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn is on the next page.





# Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands





Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

### 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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers ends with:

A: Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

Offering

Joy Ringers: "The Day of Resurrection"

Arr. Sandra Eithun

The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the support of Christ's church and for its mission to care for those in need in our community and the world.

#### **ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Electronic offerings may be made via: text to 855-913-1744, or scan the QR code.



For presentation of the offering, please stand as you are able.

Offertory; song is on next page

#### Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



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you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

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# ———— Holy Communion ————

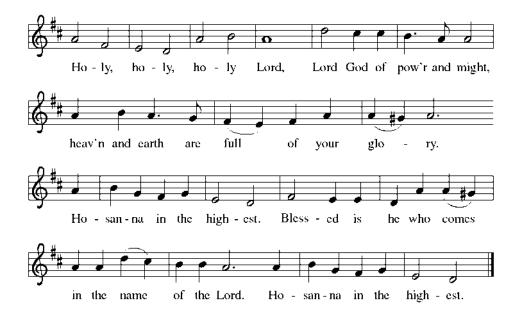
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

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:



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Please be seated.

# Holy Communion at this congregation is practiced as an open table; all communing Christians are invited.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Gluten free wafers are available; request at time of receiving communion.

## **Distribution Hymns:**

"Christ is Arisen"	Hymn # 372
Choir: "The Day of Resurrection"	Arr. Brian Wendtzel
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"	Hymn # 362
"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia", stanzas 3-5	Hymn # 364
"Christians to the Paschal Victim"	Hymn # 371

Please stand as you are able.

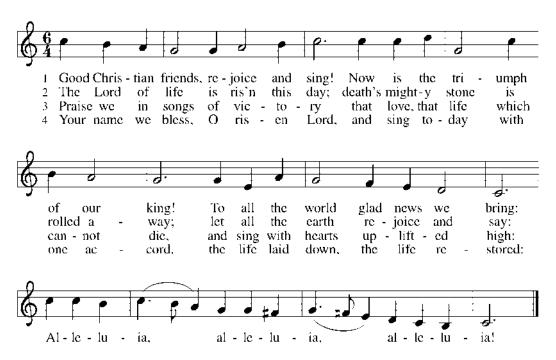
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

A. Let us pray. Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.** 

# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Michael Burkhardt



# **Today's Worship Leaders**

Acolyte: Hayden Wolf (9:00), Kaila Reynolds (11:00)

Altar Guild: Diane Paton, Debbie Luekens, Elenor Davis, Maria Geier, Marilyn Edwards, Martha Trapp,

Ruth Mortensen,

Assisting Minister: Paula Mickan (9:00), Lindsay Baker (11:00)

Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministry: Deborah Zudell-Dickey

Communion Assistant: James Quayle (9:00), Karen Watts (11:00)

Deacons: Terrie Leske (9:00), Terrence Bonness (11:00)

Musicians: Adonai Henderson, Bill Richter, David Betts, Lauren Hinkle, Sam Gmetro

Organist: Michael Cherup

Pastors: Rev. Seth Bridger and Rev. William Weidenbach Jr.

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## **Today's Easter Flowers**

In memory of Sylvia Albers by the Albers-Linenkugel Family In memory of Shirley Wishner by William & Lindsay Baker In memory of Donna Tanner by William & Lindsay Baker In thanksgiving for God's redeeming and saving love by Revs. Seth and Shelley Nelson-Bridger, Noah, and Zachary In memory of Dave Stroh by Jennifer & Carl Bush In memory of John Davis by Elenor Davis In loving memory of Ken Negray by Rita Gadus In loving memory of June Schultz by Rita Gadus In memory of Ignacio & Felipa Romo by Maria Geier In memory of Donna Comfort by the Hollander Family In memory of Roy & Mary L. Hollander by the Hollander Family In memory of Loved Ones by Joe, Ruth & Sarah King In memory of my parents Granger & Roslyn Krebill by Pastor Steve Krebill In memory of Cheryl, God's beautiful blessing to me, by David Kucera In memory of Reinhold & Eleanor Leske by Terrie Leske In memory of Roy Martin, Sr. by Edna Martin & Family In memory of Roy Martin, Jr. by Edna Martin & Family In loving memory of John C. McDonald by Dianne McDonald In loving memory of Mickie McDonald MacKeigan by Dianne McDonald In memory of Loved Ones by Pastor Ron & Dorothy Morgan In loving memory of Donald Moeller by the Moeller & Szczepinski Family In memory of Loved Ones by the Neumann Family In memory of Frank Petak by Ellen Petak In memory of Frank & Helen Petak by Ellen Petak In memory of Mearl & Pearl Zimmerman by Ellen Petak In memory of Fred & Alwine Stull by the Rados Family. In memory of Loved Ones by Dorothy Raum In memory of Peter, Theresa & Andy Szeltner by John & Heidi Szeltner In memory of Loved Ones by Bob & Martha Trapp In memory of Loved Ones by Steve & Christa Turnbull In Loving Memory of Ed Kirst by Heidi Tysl Rejoicing for Emerson's health six years post heart transplant by the Waugh & Buskirk Families

In loving memory of John & Irma Pugel, and Marlyne O'Malley by Waugh & Buskirk Families
In loving memory of Robert, Patricia & Scott Waugh by the Waugh & Buskirk Families

# **News & Announcements**

#### **Summer Worship Schedule At Messiah**

Memorial Day through Labor Day Messiah is offering one Sunday worship service at 9:00 am. This is an opportunity for us to gather together as one congregation. A contemporary service is offered on Saturday evenings at 5:30 pm on the second and fourth Saturday of the month.



# Messiah Lutheran

## Messiah Lutheran School: People Of Character Now Enrolling, Make The Leap To Christian Education!

**School** Messiah Lutheran School has a deep-rooted history in the community, fostering character and intellectual curiosity in its youngest members. We believe who children are is just as important as what they learn. Our caring staff grows good character, dedicating themselves to a child's formative years – preschool through grade 5 – to nurture

positive traits like compassion, generosity, and kindness. Messiah Lutheran School gives children the wisdom, attention, and care they need to thrive now and in the future. We blend Christian values and service into our curriculum so students leave campus to lead meaningful lives of purpose. We aren't just Trailblazers. We're people of character.

Are you looking to send your child to a safe, convenient, and values-based school? Schedule a tour with Admission's Coordinator Janice Snyder (<u>isnyder@messiahfp.org</u>) and Come Home To Messiah, where Christian Education is more affordable than ever! <u>www.MessiahSchoolFairview.org/Visit.aspx</u>

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### Summer Camp at Messiah! Sign up today!

Summer camp at Messiah is led by Myisha Conley and Dan Weaver. They have great plans for 8 weeks of

summer fun! Programs are offered Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 4 pm, register for each week your little one plans to attend. Each week have different themes, families with multiple participating siblings will receive a discount. To register visit: <a href="mailto:mfp.fyi/SummerCamp">mfp.fyi/SummerCamp</a>



# Annual Charity Golf Outing To Benefit Messiah School

June 7, 2025 Grey Hawk Golf Club

Our annual golf outing is returning to Grey Hawk Golf Club in LaGrange, OH. Golfers will play 18 holes with a golf

cart and range balls, lunch and dinner. Registration begins at 8 am with a shotgun start at 9 am, dinner, raffle, and prizes to conclude the day. We can host 144 golfers this year at Grey Hawk. But act quickly as it has sold out in the past. Contact Nancy Shucofsky at 440-263-3550 or <a href="mailto:nshucofsky@messiahfp.org">nshucofsky@messiahfp.org</a>. Hole sponsors needed. Proceeds benefit Messiah School Scholarship Assistance for all students. Register your foursome today at <a href="mailto:mfp.fyi/TeeltUp">mfp.fyi/TeeltUp</a>. Registrations & payment needed by May 15.

## **Laundry Love!**

Laundry Love is not a service project or something you do "to" or "for" people. It's an expression of loving your neighbor. On the last Thurs-day of every month, Messiah Church provides the community with clean laundry free of charge, a wonderful meal, and the opportunity to meet some new friends.

Find us at Leo's Laundromat on the second Saturday of each month from 10a-Noon. Also at The Wash House on the last Thursday of each month from 6p-8p.

## Pierstorf College Fund Applications Open April 15, 2024

Pierstorf College Fund

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A financial program to provide interest-free loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio. Students who are enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited university. The maximum interest-free loan is \$4,000 for the school year. First time borrowers can be new or returning college students.

We do not ask for family income information, and strive to provide loans for every Lutheran college student. Visit <a href="https://www.Pierstorf.org">www.Pierstorf.org</a> to complete the online application. Applications are open April 15 until June 30, 2024.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @PierstorfCollegeFund

#### **Messiah Hymn Society**

Meets in the commons the first Sunday of every month; at 5:00pm. Each month, we focus on a different types of hymnody. In May, we are looking at hymns from outside of Europe and North America! We'll have tambourines, shakers, and drums. Contact Michael Cherup (740) 971-1741.

## Family Night April May 21 @ 6 pm

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at Messiah to celebrate as one big family. Come together with your friends and family to Eat (6pm), Play (6:30pm), and Pray (6:45pm).

#### Messiah's Annual Church Picnic

The summer season means picnics, what a better way to come together as a congregation. We are seeking volunteers to make this event a success. If you're a Church picnic veteran or just looking for a new way to get involved we need you. Questions? Email Picnic Coordinator Sarah Hihn at <a href="mailto:shihn2020@gmail.com">shihn2020@gmail.com</a>. Let's come together for a day of joy, laughter, and community spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!