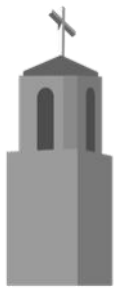


Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025



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

Prelude: "O Sons and Daughters"

Lani Smith

Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Hymn # 386 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing", stanzas 1-3

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.

Cantor



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

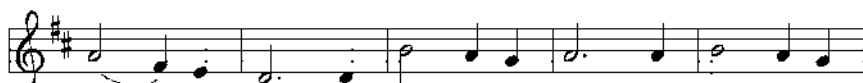


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Today this community of faith rejoices with Katelyn Ballrick, Natalie Bell, Jacqueline Bush, Ben Casselberry, Jacob Dimmock, Aiden Doctor, Maddie Hihn, Paige Kresnye, Xavier Lamb, Benjamin Lange, Ian Lange, Peyton O'Dell, Amelia Rados, Lorelai Schultz, Lucas Taylor, and Felix Twigg who join us in sharing the meal of Holy Communion.

In the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of Holy Communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to holy communion.
Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

—————Word—————

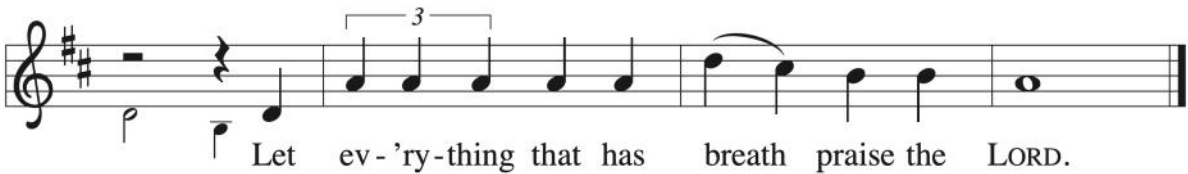
A reading from Acts: **Acts 5:27-32**

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

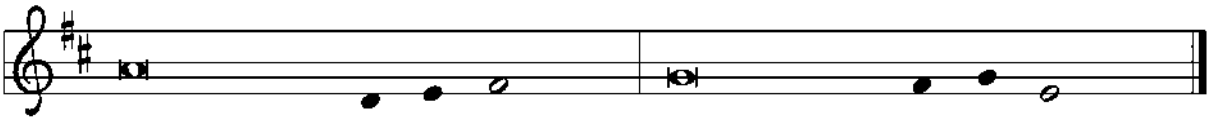
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

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



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



¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the | mighty firmament.
² **Praise God for | mighty acts;**
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.

Refrain

³ Praise God with | trumpet sound;
 praise God with | lyre and harp.
⁴ **Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;
 praise God with | strings and pipe.**
⁵ Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
 praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.
⁶ **Let everything | that has breath
 praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

Refrain

A reading from Revelation:

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven
 spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the
 dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
 To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom,
 priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come,
 the Almighty.

The word of the Lord..
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



Choir/Cantor: Blessed are those who | have not seen* and yet have come | to believe.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the
 disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
 "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
 Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with
 you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and
 said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you
 retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the
 twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn # 386 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing", stanzas 4-9

(8:30) 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.**

(11:00) Baptism Viviana Rose Henderson & Calvin Lewis Henderson

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Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayer 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.

You may be seated.

"Es ist das Heil uns kommen her"

J.C. Bach

Offertory: Hymn # 869 "We Have Seen the Lord"

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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



*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered
for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

A: Let us pray. Risen One,
**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.**

—Holy Communion—

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, that we should at all times . . . We praise your name and join the unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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

In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

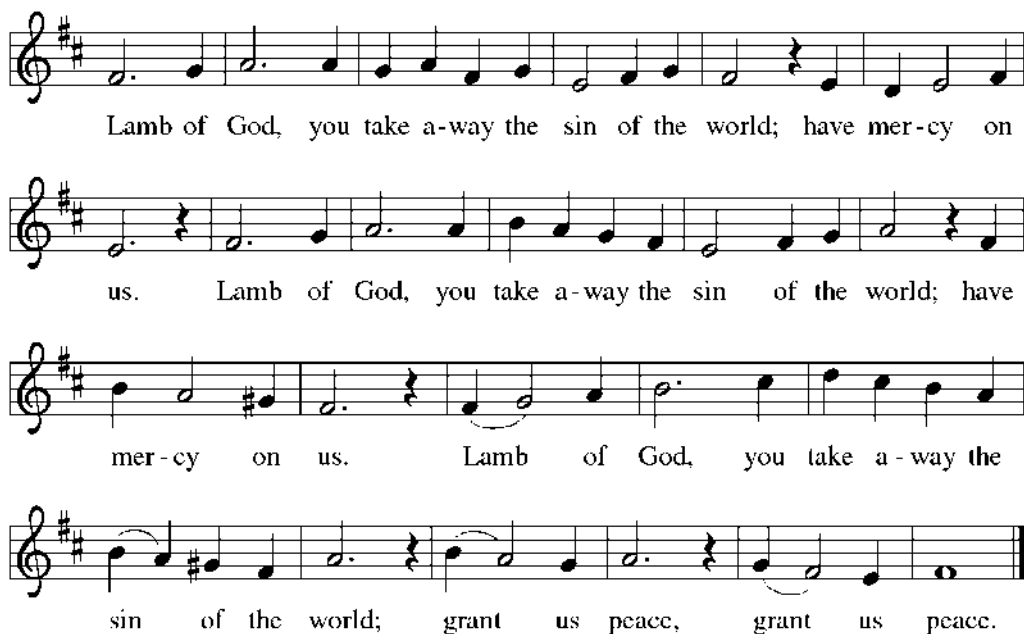
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Please be seated



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.

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 to-
day 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:

Hymn #635 "We Walk by Faith"

Hymn #388 "Be Not Afraid"

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.

—————**Sending**—————

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.

Hymn # 390 “The Risen Christ”

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: “Flourish”

Douglas E. Wagner

Today’s Worship Leaders

Acolyte: Nigel Copeland (8:30), Hayden Wolf (11:00)
Altar Guild: Elenor Davis, Marilyn Edwards
Assisting Minister: Linda Herhuth (8:30), Needed (11:00)
Children’s Church:
Choir Director & Coordinator of Music Ministry: Deborah Zudell-Dickey
Communion Assistant: James Quayle (8:30), Hayden Wolf (11:00)
Deacons: Terrie Leske (8:30), Amy & Mark Hunger, Alyssa Dory & Michael Eckert (11:00)
Organist: Michael Cherup
Pastors: Rev. Seth Bridger and Rev. William Weidenbach Jr.

Prayers of the Congregation

For people the world over who are living in the midst of war and its tumult. That all may strive for peace and reconciliation. That all may ask; What will you have me do, Lord?

For those lifted up by worshippers last week at all of our on-line and in-person services: Family of Maya Rucker, Peggy, Joyce, Jill, Richard, Bob & Dolores, Mike & Marilyn, Myra, Chris, Brian, Jim, Paula & Jill, Dawn & Ray, Bonnie, John, Marilyn, Nancy, Lori, Sandy, Chuck, Karen, Don, Jane, Casey, Sean, Danny Janette, Dennie, Sue, Lind & Bill, Dory family, Eckert family, Orzech family, Heather, Alex, Kate, Mason, Matt, Julia, Simon, Brody, Andy, Evelyn, George, Harry, David, Marguerite, Monica, Jacob, Daniel, Diane, Pope Francis, family of Kenny Hughes, our First Communion children, Marty, Lori, recent widows, and our neighbors who are hurting.

For all government leaders to practice grace and compassion in their actions. And for us to have the courage to only speak words of love and mercy. For all those suffering physically, emotionally or financially from decisions made by others.

Those for whom we quietly pray; those who struggle emotionally and financially, those with family discord, those whose jobs are at risk or unfulfilling, those who are afraid or worried, those with health concerns, and those we have not yet reached with the love of Christ.

—————Add Your Prayers —————

You may submit prayer requests in any of these manners:

- ♦ On the clipboard on the podium outside the worship space
- ♦ Email: Prayers@MessiahFP.org
- ♦ During On-line worship on the live-stream on-line log-in page

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News and Announcements

The Messiah Music Makers invite you to attend our K-5 Spring Concert

Join us for three musical performances as we celebrate friendship, harmony, joy, and shining the light of Jesus.

Where: Messiah Church Chapel

When: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Students should report to classrooms (4th/5th graders report to the music room) at 6:15p.m. Kindergarten, 1st, 4th, and 5th graders are invite to dress up in their spring best! 2nd and 3rd grade students are invited to dress as their specific character.

Have a college age student? Apply to the Pierstorf College Fund

Applications Are Open

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The Pierstorf College Fund is a one-of-a-kind pan Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free

loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio. For more information visit www.Pierstorf.org to complete the online 2025-2026 Application. Applications close on June 30, 2025.



Messiah's Annual Golf Outing

June 7, 2025

Save the date for Messiah's annual Tee It Up golf outing on June 7. We are returning to Grey Hawk Golf Club in LaGrange. This outing is quite popular and registration fills quickly, we are limited to 144 golfers. Cost per golfer \$135. We look forward to seeing you on the greens. To register visit mfp.fyi/TeeltUp.

The Jungle Book

May 9-11 @ 7:00 pm



Messiah Trailblazers presents "The Jungle Book." Performances are at 7:00 pm in Messiah Lutheran's Gym. Tickets are on sale now, \$7 presale, \$10 at the door. Pick up a ticket order form outside of the school office.

Messiah Hymn Society

Messiah Hymn Society now only meets the first Sunday of every month; still at our regular time of 5:00 PM. We still meet in the commons, which gives an intimate experience! Each month, we are going to have a focus on a different type of hymnody. In May, we will be looking at hymns from outside of Europe and North America! We'll have tambourines, shakers, and drums just for it. Come over to sing some international songs of praise!



Michael Cherup, Principal Organist, Messiah Lutheran Church
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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. Register at mfp.fyi/SummerCamp.

Altar Guild Flowers

Would you like to sponsor altar flowers for a week? Or light the presence candle in remembrance of someone special? The 2025 sign up calendar is on the table outside the church office with available dates. The flowers can be for a celebration or remembrance of a loved one and can be taken home after the Sunday's late service.

The cost is \$40 for flowers. Light the presence candle for \$15.

Questions? Contact Debbie Luekens at 440-829-5612 or Luekens111@gmail.com.

