

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

May 4, 2025

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	You are invited to participate at the places marked with <b>bold</b> type
<b>M</b> ESSIAH	Prelude: "Supplication" Henry Kihlken
LUTHERAN	Gathering
CHURCH	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
	Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
Messiah Lutheran Church 21485 Lorain Road Fairview Park, OH 44126, (440) 331-2405	In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come. <b>Amen.</b>
Email – <u>church@messiahfp.org</u> Messiah Lutheran School 4401 W. 215 <sup>th</sup> St.,	Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Fairview Park, OH 44126 (440) 331-6553 Email – <u>school@messiahfp.org</u>	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,
Welcome to worship! We are delighted you chose to worship here	and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, <b>make us one as you are one.</b>
today. May you be strengthened through God's word and the promise of life in our Lord Jesus Christ.	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.
<b>Connect with Messiah</b> Text "MESSIAHFP" to 84576 to sign-up	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, <b>make us one as you are one.</b>
www.MessiahFairview.org	Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters
Like us on Facebook @MessiahChurchFairviewPark	that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. <b>Amen.</b>

Hymn # 382 "Christ is Risen! Alleluia"

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirirt be with you all.

#### And also with you.



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.** 

#### Please be seated.

Second Grade Bible Blessings: Barrett Behm, Meredith Bell, Emrynn Hilden, Clementine Kiel, Michael Welsh, Patrick Welsh A reading from Acts:

<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." [<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

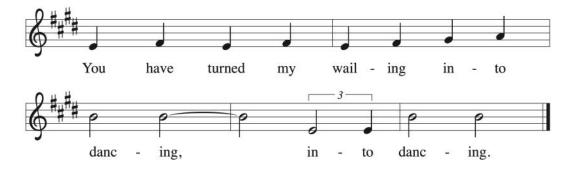
<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

## The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150

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



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



I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- <sup>1</sup> ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph <sup>1</sup> over me. <sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried <sup>1</sup> out to you, and you restored <sup>1</sup> me to health. <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, <sup>1</sup> from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down <sup>1</sup> to the grave. <sup>4</sup> Sing praise to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you faithful; give thanks in ho- <sup>1</sup> ly remembrance. <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor <sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes <sup>1</sup> in the morning. <sup>6</sup> While I felt se- <sup>1</sup> cure, I said, "I shall never <sup>1</sup> be disturbed. <sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong <sup>1</sup> as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was <sup>1</sup> filled with fear. <sup>8</sup> I cried to <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD; I pleaded with <sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,	Refrain
<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?	
Will the dust praise you or de- <sup>1</sup> clare your faithfulness? <sup>10</sup> Hear, O Lord, and have mer- <sup>1</sup> cy upon me;	
O LORD, <sup>1</sup> be my helper." <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing <sup>1</sup> into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed <sup>1</sup> me with joy. <sup>12</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you <sup>1</sup> without ceasing;	Refrain
O LORD my God, I will give you <sup>1</sup> thanks forever.	Refrain

A reading from Revelation:

<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

Revelation 5:11-14

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

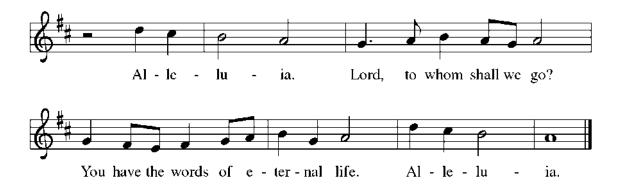
<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

<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.

Please stand as you are able.



Choir/Cantor: Our hearts | burn within us\* while you open to | us the scriptures.

# The Holy Gospel according to John the 21st chapter. **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.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn # 378 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

 (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: Carter Dennis Johnson

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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.

#### 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.

(8:30) Joy Ringers "Seek Ye First with Pachelbel's Canon" (11:00) Choir "Day of Arising" arr. Lynne Hollander Carl Schalk

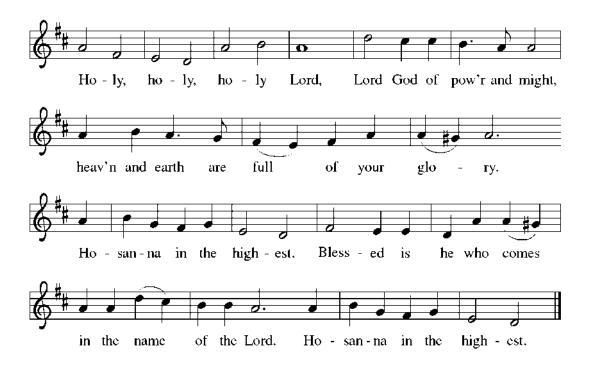
Offertory: Hymn # 869 "We Have Seen the Lordl"

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

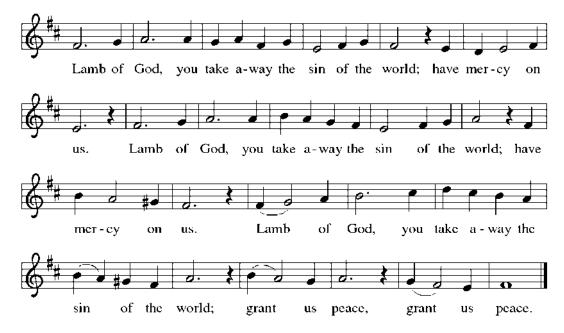


In the night in which he was betrayed . . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



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:

Hymn #394 "Hail Thee, Festival Day!" Sing stanzas Easter 1 and Easter 2 Hymn "Christ Is Living"



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

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

Postlude: "Make the Sounds of Praise"

**Robert Hughes** 

#### 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: Louis, families of Jane Hunger and Alta Rinard, our Roman Catholic sibling mourning the death of Pope Francis, our First Communion children, Peggy, Harry and Patti, Monica, Nancy, Paul, Tom, Cathy, Scott, Doug, Sandy, Louise, Shannon, Bill and Jane, Evely, Janice, Mary's son, Sheri, Matt, Julia, Nancy, Rick, Mason, Brody, Rose, Alex, Dorothy, Andy, Kate, Francis, Mike, Heather, Eckert, Dory and Orzech families, Simon, Henry, Marion, Daniel, Bill, George, Lori, Linda, and Chris

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.

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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#### Today's Worship Leaders

Acolyte: Annalies Anderson (8:30), Max Bush (11:00)

Altar Guild: Ruth Mortensen, Martha Trapp

Assisting Minister: Nancy Richter (8:30), Janice Snyder (11:00)

Children's Church: Lauren Carge, Kristen Jolicoeur

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

Communion Assistant: Eric Anderson (8:30), Helen Casselberry (11:00)

Deacons: Needed (8:30), Needed (11:00)

Organist: Michael Cherup

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

## **News and Announcements**

#### **Messiah Hymn Society** Sunday, May 4 @ 5:00 pm

Messiah Hymn Society now meets the first Sunday of every month; still at our regular time of 5:00 PM. We 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 (740) 971-1741

#### 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*.



#### 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.

### Save the Date—Memorial Day Weekend

All recent college graduates will be honored & recognized during worship at either the Saturday 5:30 pm service on May 23 or on Sunday morning service at 9:00 am on May 24. Please contact the Church office to indicate you (or one of your family members) is celebrating a recent college or degree of higher education this year!

## Ascension Day Worship—May 29 @ 7:00 pm

Ascension Day, 40 days after Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus' Ascension. At this service we make a point to thank God for the gifts for Word and Sacrament, by which our Lord continues to be with us always. A wine and cheese reception follows the evening service to honor Deaconess Ruth Mortensen for her steadfast ministry.

## **Grief Group**

## Fri, May 9 @ 10 am



Have you recently

experienced a loss? Chaplain Brent Raitz, Director of Spiritual Care & Chaplain at the Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital holds a Grief group meeting on Friday, May 9. This group meets at 10 am in the Commons and is intended for adults who have recently experienced a loss.

#### **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.

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

### **Applications Are Open**

College Fund

Pierstorf 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.

#### Summer Worship Announcement

To adapt to the summer season, Messiah will hold one unified worship service at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend (May 25) through Labor Day weekend (August 31). This decision follows last summer's successful trial. Lemonade on the Lawn each Sunday at 10:00 am, come to the west side on W. 215.