



Hallelujah!

He
has
risen!

Easter Sunday *11:00am*

Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:

	Today	April 27
Asst. Min.	Brad Bresee	Bella Alaniz
Lector	Pam Bresee	Jean Parker
Acolyte	Kayla Bresee	Manny Alaniz
Usher	Brian Rogala	Arnold Conner
Sound System	TBD	Tim Smock
Video	Brian Rogala, Jr.	JJ Conner
Counters	Tim Smock, Candy Sprouse	Mary Rush, Karen Pistner
Altar Guild	Candy Sprouse, Sandy Hough, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Song

My Jesus

1. Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all its stealing,
and you're desperate for some healing?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Refrain: He makes a way where there ain't no way.

Rises up from an empty grave.

Ain't no sinner that he can't save.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

His love is strong and his grace is free,
and the good news is I know that he
can do for you what he's done for me.

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

And let my Jesus change your life.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, amen, amen.

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2. Who can wipe away the tears
from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear? Oh,
and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
And all the wrong turns that you would
go and undo if you could.
Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you about my Jesus. (R)
3. Who would take my cross to Calvary?
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh (R x2)

Ending: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Let my Jesus change your life.

Opening Prayer

Song

The Lion and the Lamb

1. He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare his praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Refrain: Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before him. Our God is the lamb,
the lamb that was slain. For the sins of the world,
his blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow before the lion and the lamb.
Every knee will bow before him.

2. So open up the gates, make way before the king of kings.
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty? (R)

Bridge: Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)? (2x's, R)

First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

A The Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song

Graves Into Gardens

1. I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.
Then you came along and put me back together.
And every desire is now satisfied here in your love.

Refrain: Oh there's nothing better than you.
There's nothing better than you.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than you.

2. I'm not afraid to show you my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord you've seen them all;
and you still call me friend.
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
There's not a place your mercy and grace won't find me again. (R)

Bridge: You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory. You're the only one who can. (2x)
You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can. (2x)
You're the only one who can. (R)

Prayers of the People

Peace

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us offer to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Song of Offering

Thy Word

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (R)

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Risen One,
- G** **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.**

Thanksgiving for the Great Meal

- P** Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** **We gladly lift up our hearts and give God our praise and thanksgiving.**

Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

☩ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution Song O Come to the Altar

1. Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself,
do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

Refrain: O come to the altar; the father's arms are open wide.
 Forgiveness was bought with
 the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;
from the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling. *(R)*

Bridge: Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful;
 sing alleluia, Christ is risen.
 Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all;
 sing alleluia, Christ is risen. *(R x2)*

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
tell the world of the treasure you've found.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* 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

Blessing

P 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.

G Amen.

Song

Hallelujah Anyway

1. I'll find a way to praise you from the bottom of my broken heart,
'cause I think I'd rather strike a match than curse the dark.
Yeah, I'll find a way to thank you
though the bitterness is real and hard,
'cause I'd rather take a chance on hope than fall apart.
I don't think I'm ready to surrender to the dark.

Refrain: Even if my daylight never dawns,
even if my breakthrough never comes,
even if, I'll fight to bring you praise.
Even if my dreams fall to the ground,
even if I'm lost, I know I'm found,
even if, my heart will somehow say "Hallelujah anyway."

2. I hear a hymn of triumph in the wilderness of my lament.
In the lowlands or the mountain tops, I won't forget
all that goodness that you have shown me,
the promises that you have kept.
There's better days on the horizon up ahead. (*R*)

Bridge: Let it rise, let it rise in the dark or the light.
Oh my soul, stand and fight.
If you've got a song to sing, let it rise. (*Repeat, Refrain*)

Dismissal

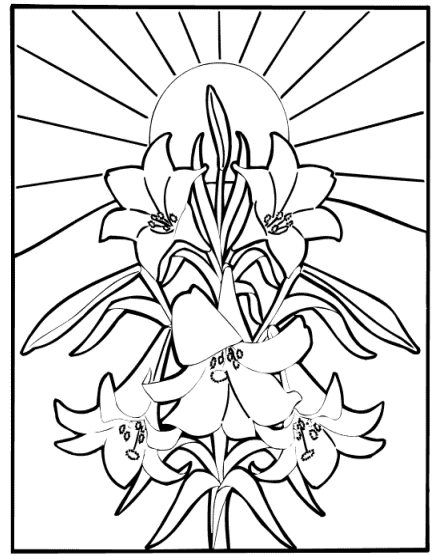
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Go in peace. In Christ you have been made anew. Alleluia! Alleluia!

G Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*The Easter Flowers are given to
the Glory of God and...*



In Celebration of

My children, Patty, Cindy, & Chris by Jean Parker
Great Grandson graduation & Eagle Scout Award
Easter by Robin Curtis

In Honor of:

Isabel Jones by Laurie Hecht
My family by Marylou Bartlett
Our mothers, Marylou & Joanne
My grandchildren, Kacy & Karson by Jean Parker

In Thanksgiving for:

Graces & blessings received by Shirley & Jeff Damon
The love & support from the ladies of Messiah by Laurie Hecht

In Memory of:

My parents, Sara & Clifford Parker by Jean Parker
Tarzan Booth by Lisa Booth
Everyone I know that is dead by Cyndi Allen
Our parents by Shirley Damon
James Swoger by Swoger & Hauser families
Robert Hecht, Dorothy Hecht, Lamar Jones, Grand Birdie Jones, &
Oliver G. Shadle, Jr. by Laurie Hecht
Clyde Bartlett by Marylou Bartlett
John & Gertrude Rettman, Wallace & Hazel Jones, and Kenneth &
Eleanor Defoe by Gene & Linda Jones
Robert Sprouse & Sandi Carlson by Candy Sprouse
Beloved parents, brother, & sister by Bonnie Magee
Our fathers, Clyde & Arthur by Cindy & Art Anderson
Walter & Marie Porada, Jack & Ethel Getkin, & Beck Fahringer

A list is posted beside the door to the Library showing the type, and how many, of the flowers you have sponsored.

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **April the Lutheran Disaster Response** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Baby Bottle Tree: Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, May 11

To help support Foster Care Children in the Erie area, we will be collecting baby items, ages preemies to 18 months. Some bottles will have a monetary donation, made out to the church, to reimburse purchases made.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

May 6 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

May 12 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

May 19 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

May 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

*One Easter Lilly is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for my family by
Marylou Bartlett*

*One Easter Lilly is given to the Glory of God and in Honor of my children and
grandchildren with love by Cindy Anderson*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in n Honor of my mom, Marylou
Bartlett with love by Cindy Anderson*

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION
PROPOSED - 2025 to 2027**

WORSHIP

Start?

Technology

Add Screens in sanctuary	(2025)
Update website	(2025)
Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices	(DONE)

Music Ministry

Build out the Band	(2025)
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CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Bubble Church	(2025-2026)
School Day Off Camp	(2025)
Milestone Ministry	(Sept. 2025)

PROPERTY

Fix Front Electronic Sign	(DONE)
Repair/Purchase Boiler	(DONE)
Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms	(2027)
Buy New Freezer	(ASAP)

IN-REACH

Recruit and Train More Volunteer	(2025)
Train in-home communion ministry	(2025)

EDUCATION

Bible Study (Adult and Children) - have more options	(2025-2027)
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OUTREACH

Maintain Community Garden	(2025-2027)
Continue Back to School Bash	(2025-2027)
Continue participation in Community National Night Out	(2025-2027)

FELLOWSHIP

Explore more group events	(ongoing)
Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship)	(ongoing)
Lutheran Walkers	(2025)

This Week at the Church

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

Sun. 4/20	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Mon.	6:30PM	Meditation Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	5:30PM	Stewardship/Finance
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 4/27	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion