

Messiah Lutheran Church

2025 Eastern Avenue

Wesleyville, PA 16510

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Thank you for worshiping with us today. We hope your experience is spiritually rewarding!

Welcome Visitors!

We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

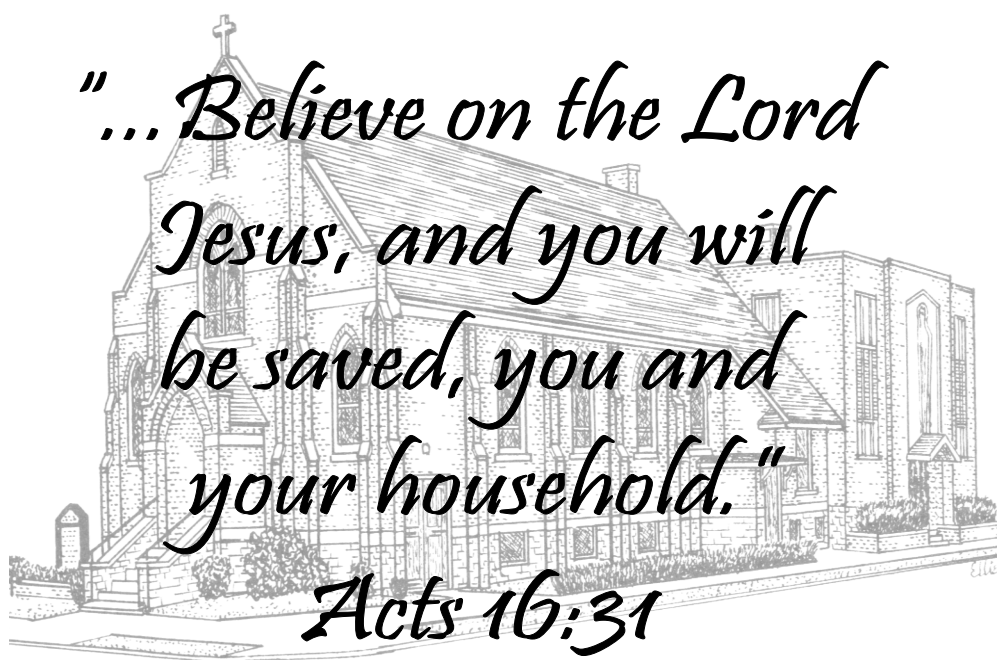
You will find everything you need for worship in this Aid. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

Please take a few moments to read the Announcements found on the inside cover of this Worship Aid.

Large Print Worship Aids are available from the ushers.

*Today we celebrate
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022
8:30am Service of
Holy Communion*

*"... Believe on the Lord
Jesus, and you will
be saved, you and
your household."
Acts 16:31*



Our Staff

Rev. Jeffrey Piccirilli, Pastor (C)431-5879 Email: pastorjeff@messiah-erie.org

Cindy Anderson, Parish Administrator Email: secretary@messiah-erie.org

Bonnie Stearns, Church Sexton

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **May Vacation Bible School** 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 writing “Food Pantry” on the memo line.

Bible Study: **Wednesday’s, through May 25 at 6:00pm** in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pr. Jeff with any questions.

Baby-Bottle Tree: will be in the Narthex **through May 15**. Baby bottle tags listing baby items for premature babies to age 2 will be on the tree. There are some tags with dollar amounts; these will help off-set the cost of items already purchased. Please place tag on the item and return it by **May 22**. Gifts will go to the Foster Care program. Contact Joyce Hauser with questions.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: At least two volunteers from Messiah are needed on **Monday, May 9** and **Monday, May 16 at 10:00am**, to help unload food items and set up for distribution (May 16). Please contact the church office if you are willing and able.

Pentecost Geraniums: Please consider sponsoring one or more 4 1/2 inch pots from Stan’s Garden Center for **\$3.50** each, to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday. Orders are needed by **May 22**.

Children’s Book Drive: Please consider donating a new or gently used children’s book or two for the Mercy Center for Women’s book nook. This drive is being organized by Gabi Piccirilli as part of her diploma requirements. A collection box will be in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, May 15, through Sunday, May 22**. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Work Day: **May 21 at 9:00am to Noon** to do outside work (spread mulch, weeding, trimming bushes, painting), and to do inside work (clean up the kitchen, closets, and sewing room). Signup in the Narthex or contact Art Anderson at 814-881-1680.

May Friendship Day Celebration: Church Women United invites us to join them on **Saturday, May 14 at 11:00am** at Table of Grace Church, 2113 Sassafras Street for prayer and fellowship.

We welcome Neal Durchman as our musician today.

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. The Altar rail will not be used;
2. Ushers will dismiss people for Holy Communion starting in the back on the piano side of the church, one pew at a time;
3. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from Pr. Jeff 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;
4. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from Pr. Jeff;
5. Communion cups will be placed in the cup trays in every other or third hole to allow for individuals to touch only the cup they are taking;
6. 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	May 15
Asst. Min.	TBD	Linda Fryer
Lector	Linda Fryer	Bob Pommer
Usher	Dave Kent	Bob Pommer
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Tammy Johnson	Gabriella Piccirilli
Counters	Bob Pommer, Ron Martucci	Bob Pommer, Ron Martucci
Altar Guild	Karen Pistner, Linda Jones	

*Welcome/Announcements/ Temple Talk/Blessing of Mothers
Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]*

P We are gathered in the name of the Father, and † of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance. God of Life,

C **by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Christ is alive and death has lost its power. Know that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Thine is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!

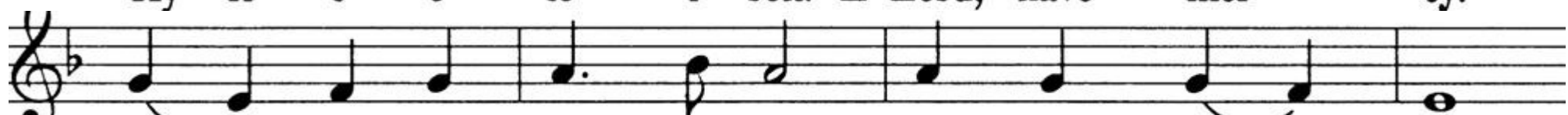
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

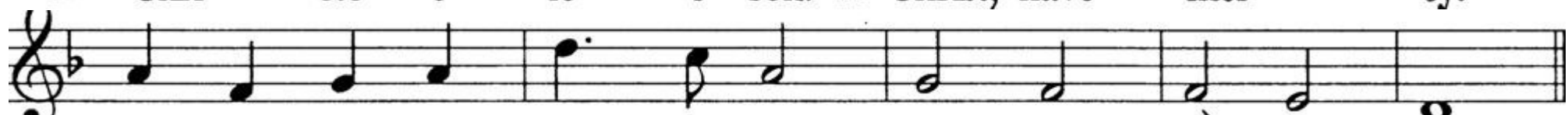
Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.

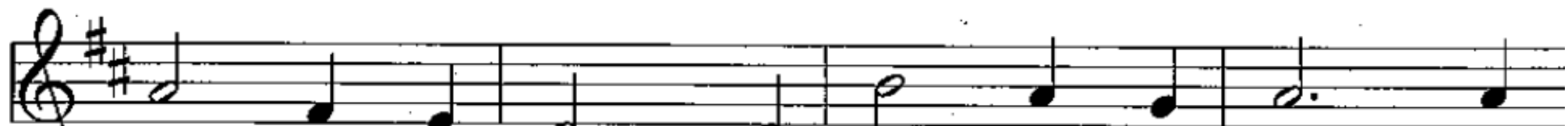


A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Worthy is Christ



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



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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us Pray: God of freedom,

C Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reflection Time

Hymn of the Day

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Creed

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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.

Prayers of the People

- A** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation...
God in your mercy,
- G** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God, in your mercy respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- G** **Amen.**

Peace

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

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Offertory Hymn

Come To the Table

[stand]

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

A Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Merciful Creator,

C you satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us ever thankful for all that you provide. Help us to be faithful stewards of your blessings through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray with confidence as Jesus taught us:

C **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.**

Invitation to Communion

A The Risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Lamb of God

C 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.

Distribution of Communion [sit]

Communion Music Instrumental

Table Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

C Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
 and lead us forth in joy with shouts
 of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Generous God, we give you thanks for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.


Benediction

P May God, the author of life, † Christ, the living cornerstone and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless us now and forever.

G Amen.

Sending Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
 the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
 The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen. Go in peace and tell what God has done.
- G** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Worship Aids are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Becky Fahringer

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Memory of my father, Clifford Parker by Jean Parker

One Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of my grandson, Karson Slivinski's birthday by Jean Parker

The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Messiah Lutheran Church by the Mikotowicz family

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



An earthquake frees Paul after a midnight worship jail service, and in response the jailer prepares to kill himself. **Acts 16:25-28**

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



After a good jailin' & beatin' Paul & Silas liked to kick back with a little JAIL HOUSE ROCK,
Acts 16:25

Weekly Budgetary Outlook

	<u>Regular Giving</u>	<u>Other Bdgd. Inc.</u>	<u>Total Bdgd. Income</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>	<u>Weekly Avg. Bdgd. Exp.</u>
May 1, 2022	\$2,182.00	\$7.00	\$2,189.00		\$4,095.54
YTD (17 week)	\$57,316.00	\$9,718.04	\$67,034.04	\$62,645.02	\$73,719.72

Our Net Gain through 17 weeks is \$4,389.02.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

“Gratitude makes everyday sacred. Expressing our gratitude is a gift to the giver. Gratitude for small things makes every day a gift.”

Sue Bender, author
of Plain and Simple
and Everyday Sacred

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. 5/8	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Property Team
Mon.	1:00PM	Care Group #4
	6:30PM	Meditation Group
	8:30PM	NA Group
Tues.	4:00PM	Stewardship/Finance
Wed.	6:00PM	Bible Study - FH
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 5/15	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion