

Messiah Lutheran Church

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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.

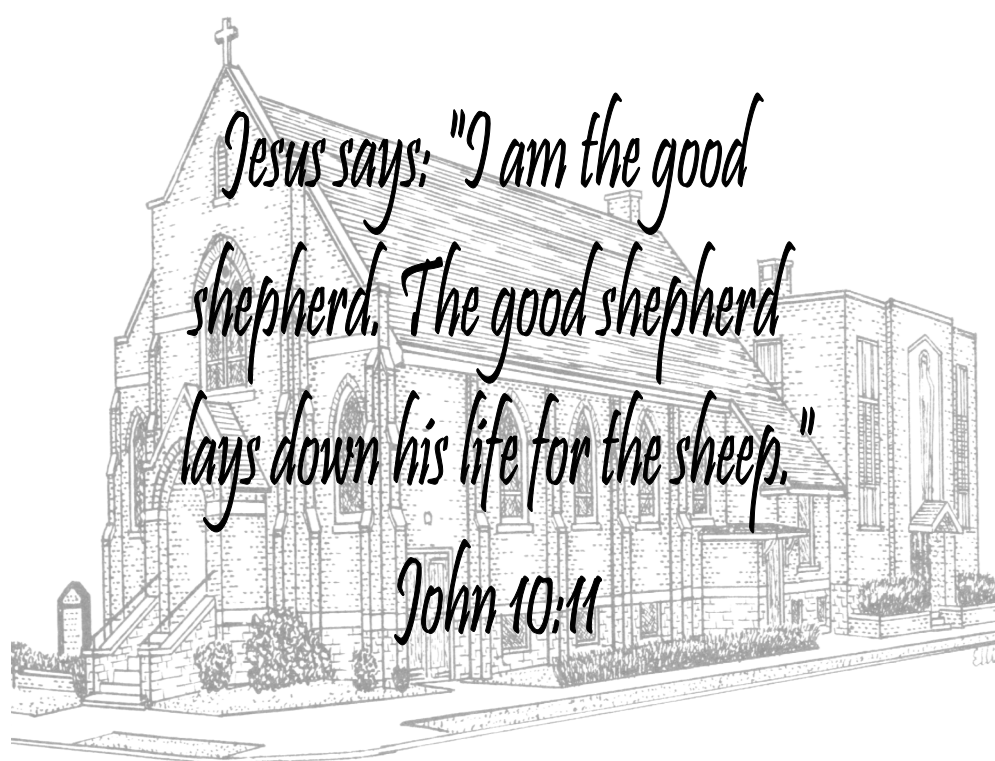
You will find everything you need for worship in this bulletin. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

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

Large Print Bulletin

are available from the ushers.

*Today we celebrate the
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
8:30am Service of
Holy Communion*



Our Staff

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

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Michelle Flaherty, Second Service Music Minister

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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.

Exercise Class: in Fellowship Hall on every **Tuesday at 6:15pm** for low impact “dance” style exercise.

It’s All Greek to Me **Monday Night Bible Study**: will resume on **April 15!**

Special Offering: One of our members, Elijah Carner, is working on his Eagle Scout Project for the Wesleyville Community Garden. During the month of April, please consider using the envelopes in the Narthex to help him earn the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

Graduates: Please turn the names of those who will graduate High School or College in the congregation into the office by **May 1** to be recognized.

Baby-Bottle Tree: will be in the Narthex **April 28 through May 19**. 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 purchased by the church. Please place tag on the item and return it by **May 26**. Gifts will go to the Foster Care program. Contact Joyce Hauser with questions.

Wesleyville Food Pantry **Volunteers Needed**
May 7 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

May 13 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

May 20 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

May 21 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

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 28
Asst. Min.	Savanna Conner	Savanna Conner
Lector	—	Laurie Hecht
Acolyte	—	Jackson Glasoe
Usher	Bob Pommer	Ron Martucci
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	JJ Conner	Savanna Conner
Counters	Bob Pommer, Linda Jones	Ron Martucci, Laurie Hecht
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt	

We welcome Jodie Joyce as our musician today.

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life, Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

C We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life, Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life, Alleluia!

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
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Greeting

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)

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Glory to God



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;
Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.
Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

☐ O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ Amen

Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name

did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

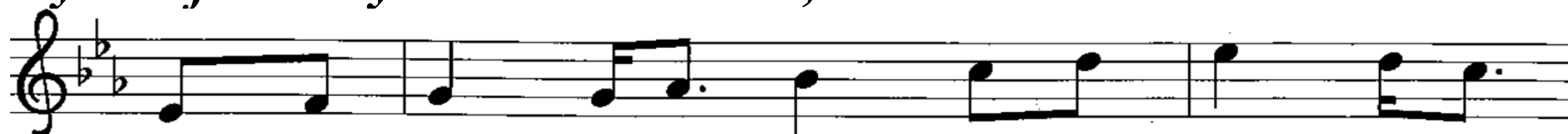
A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1	Have	no	fear,	lit - tle	flock;	have	no	fear,	lit - tle
2	Have	good	cheer,	lit - tle	flock;	have	good	cheer,	lit - tle
3	Praise	the	Lord	high	a - bove;	praise	the	Lord	high
4	Thank - ful	hearts	raise	to	God;	thank - ful	hearts	raise	to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Creed

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C** **We believe in the God of Life who creates and loves people, who acts in history, and who promises never to leave us alone.**
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is Lord and Redeemer, who died and rose again, and who wants not be idolized but to be followed.
We believe that we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit; without it we are nothing; filled with the Holy Spirit we are able to become creative, lively, and free.
We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions for the struggle of life; where we grow in understanding of the faith through worship, prayer, fellowship, and action.
We believe that God has a purpose for us in this time and place. We believe in living, hoping, laughing and enjoying the good earth. We believe that people can change, attitudes can change, and that God keeps leading us towards life, and to a new world of justice and joy.

Prayers of the People

- A** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news....God of Grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C 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

This Joyful Eastertide

[stand]

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row.

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our
faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris en.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

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

C you call us t believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world through Jesus Christ, out true vine. 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 four staves in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Distribution of Communion [sit]

Lamb of God



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



- you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Music *Instrumental*

Table Blessing

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

G Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

- A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

G Amen.

Blessing

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

G Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

- P** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

G Amen.

Sending Hymn Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of the birthday's of my daughter, Cindy on April 18 and my late husband, Clyde on April 26 by Marylou Bartlett

Weekly Budgetary Outlook

	<u>Regular Giving</u>	<u>Other Bdgtd. Inc.</u>	<u>Total Bdgtd. Income</u>	<u>Actual Expense</u>	<u>Weekly Avg. Bdgtd. Exp.</u>
April 14, 2024	\$4,163.00	\$00.00	\$4,163.00		\$4,186.16
YTD (15 week)	\$37,930.50	\$7,410.67	\$45,341.17	\$49,707.11	\$62,792.40

Our Shortfall through 15 weeks is (\$4,365.94).

Thank you for your generous contributions!

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. 4/21	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	5:00PM	Confirmation Class
Mon.	6:30PM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Meditation Group
	8:30PM	NA Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	6:15PM	Exercise Class
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:00PM	Evangelistic & Teaching Center-FH
	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 4/28	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion