



O VICTORY IN
Jesus,
MY SAVIOR
Forever

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
Traditional Service

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 12
Asst. Min.	Savanna Conner	Brad Bresee
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
Acolyte	—	—
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Savanna Conner	Brad Bresee
Counters	Laurie Hecht	Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt, Linda Jones	

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!




suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us Pray: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear

of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

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
 greets 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!

Nicene Creed

P Let us confess our faith with the word of the Nicene Creed:

C **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

Prayers of the People

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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

Create in Me A Clean Heart

[stand]

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold me with your free Spir - it.
 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A. Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Merciful God,
 C. **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- 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! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

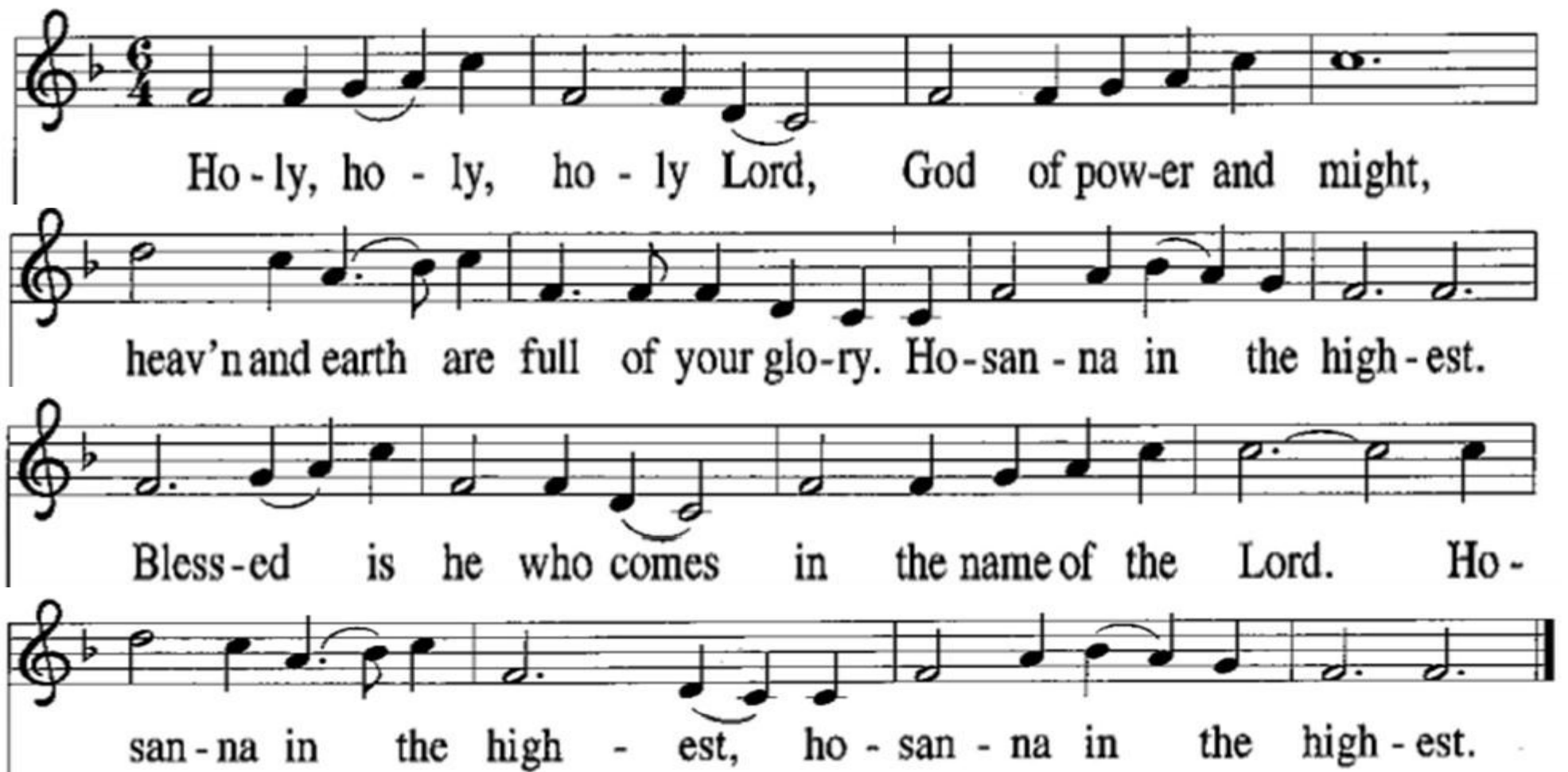
P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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



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

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

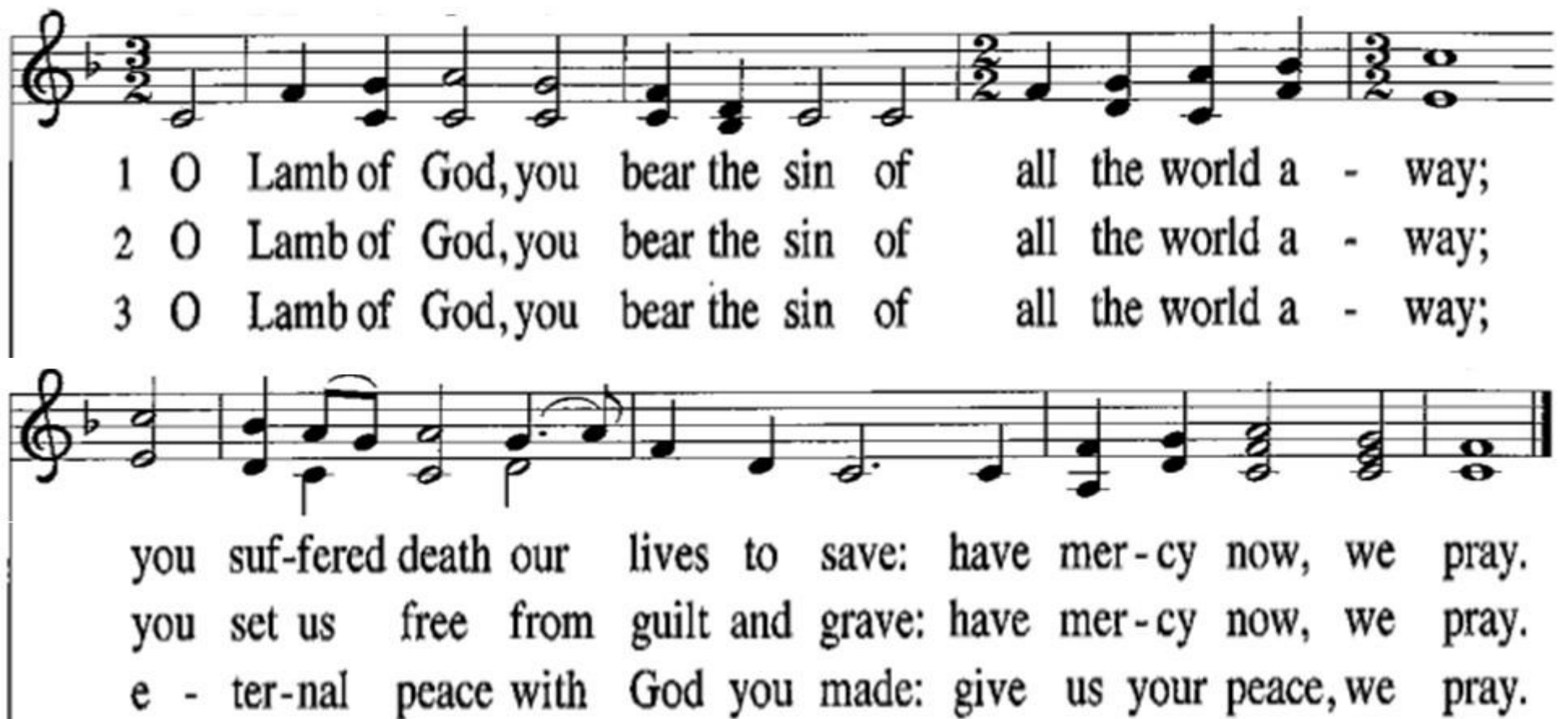
Invitation to Communion

P. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore, let us keep the fast. We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

P This is the Gift of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

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.

Distribution of Communion [sit]

Communion Music Instrumental

Post Communion Blessing

A May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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

C through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Blessing

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C. Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

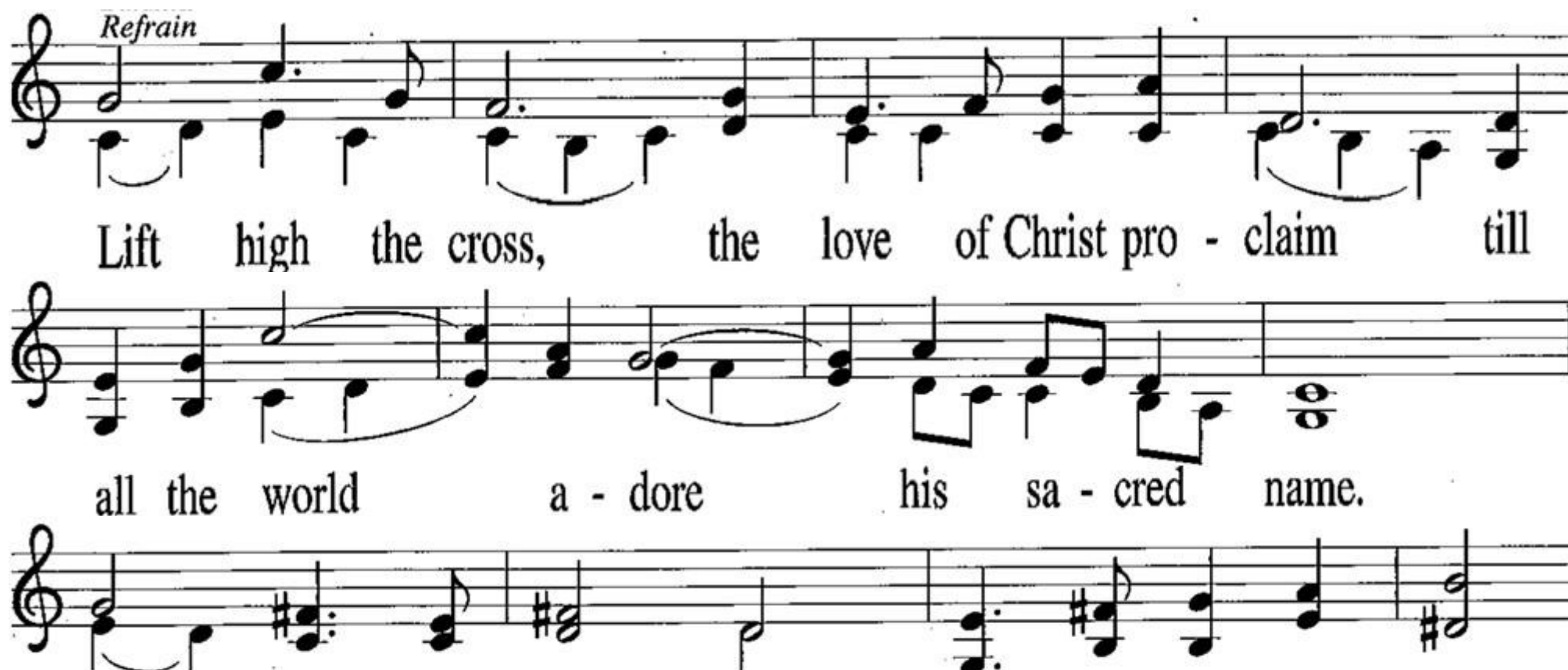
P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope, bless you now and always.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Dismissal

A Alleluia! Go in peace. He is Risen. Alleluia!

C He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

*Both Lilies are given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Our Risen Lord
 by the Bresee Family*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of Nate's 50th
 birthday love Mom*

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



In Memory of:

Tarzan Booth by Lisa Booth

Blane Dessy, Marianne Marin & Katrina McDougall by Robin Curtis

James Swoger, our parents & Valerie George Lindner by Joyce & Dave Hauser

Bob Sprouse, Rose & Allen Simmons by Candy Sprouse

Bill Voigt by Linda Voigt

All my loved ones who passed by Cyndi Allen

Craig Cunningham by Ethelynne Cunningham

My parents, Ed & Florence Crane by Shirley Damon

Ralph & Eileen Niebauer and Donna Harman by Marie & Michael Harman

Isabel Jones, Grand Birdie Jones, and Robert Hecht by Laurie Hecht

Kenneth & Elenor Defoe and Wallace & Hazel Jones by Gene & Linda Jones

My departed loved ones by Bonnie Magee

My parents, Clifford & Sara Parker

Owen & Elouise Hunter by Carol Lemmon & Stearns family

In Honor of:

Christine Lohse by Cyndi Allen

All my family by Shirley Damon

In Thanksgiving for:

Our pastor by Shirley Damon

In Celebration of:

Our Risen Lord by Shirley Damon

*Thank you for your generous sponsorship of the Easter Flowers to
beautify our worship space.*

*They may be picked up after the 11:00AM Worship Service. Please
leave the plastic trays.*

Any plants remaining will be planted in the church yard.

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **April: 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.

It's All Greek to Me Bible Study: Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm & Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** in the Study Lounge.

OWLs: **Tuesday, April 14 at 11:00 am.** (Note time change) Speaker Lawyer, Julie from Entrusted Legacy. Bring your own lunch

Sound Bath: **Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 pm** Join us in Fellowship Hall for an uplifting meditative service. Bring comfortable chair or yoga mat if you like.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

April 7 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

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

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

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

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. 4/5	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Mon.	6:30PM	Guided Meditation
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	1:00PM	Bible Study
Wed.	6:30PM	Bible Study
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 4/12	<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion

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