

## *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.

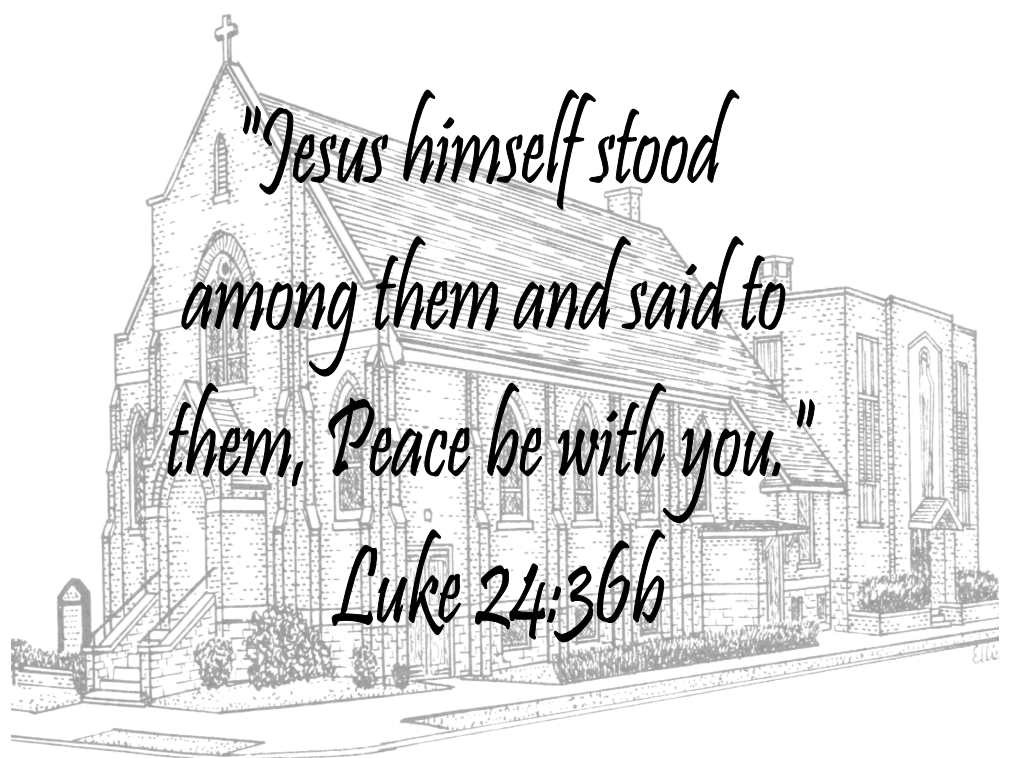
You will find everything you need for worship in this bulletin. Ushers are available near the entrance to assist you with any other need.

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  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024  
8:30am Service of  
Holy Communion*



### **Our Staff**

**Cindy Anderson**, Parish Administrator Email: [secretary@messiah-erie.org](mailto:secretary@messiah-erie.org)

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## *Announcements*

**S**econd 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!

**W**esleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking “Food Pantry” in the memo line.

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

**I**t’s All Greek to Me **Monday Night Bible Study**: will resume on **April 15!**

**S**pecial 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.

**G**raduates: 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.

**W**esleyville Food Pantry **Volunteers Needed**

April 15 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

April 16 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:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>April 21</b>
<b>Asst. Min.</b>	Savanna Conner	Savanna Conner
<b>Lector</b>	Shirley Damon	—
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jackson Glasoe	—
<b>Usher</b>	Dave Kent	Bob Pommer
<b>Sound System</b>	TDB	TBD
<b>Video</b>	Savanna Conner	JJ Conner
<b>Counters</b>	Linda Jones, Laurie Hecht	Bob Pommer, Linda Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	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*

*He Leadeth Me*



1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!  
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, Some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,  
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur-mur nor re - pine;  
4 And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 By wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

*Refrain*

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, By his own hand he lead - eth me.

His faith - ful fol - l'wer I would be, For by his hand he lead - eth me.

***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*

☐ Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

### *Lesson*

*Acts 3:12-19*

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson*

*Luke 24:36-48*

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**A** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*MESSAGE*

*Hymn of the Day The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

### *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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are several measures with ties and some measures with fermatas. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The refrain is marked with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## *Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self*

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

**C** you call us to 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, our 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*

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes.

## *Eucharistic Prayer*

### *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*


- 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 Canticle*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

***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 Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia***

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

*Dismissal*

☐ **A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

☑ **G** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*The Vase of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our Grandson Henry's 6th birthday from Brian, Debbie Rogala and Brian Jr.*





## 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 7, 2024	\$2,350.00	\$207.00	\$2,557.00		\$4,186.16
YTD (14 week)	\$33,767.50	\$7,410.67	\$41,178.17	\$45,973.29	\$54,420.08

***Our Shortfall through 14 weeks is (\$4,795.12).***

***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**

<b>Sun. 4/14</b>	<b><i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
	9:45AM	Property Committee
<b>Mon.</b>	6:30PM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Meditation Group
	8:30PM	NA Group
<b>Tues.</b>	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
	6:15PM	Exercise Class
<b>Thu.</b>	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	7:00PM	Evangelistic & Teaching Center-FH
	7:30PM	AA
<b>Sun. 4/21</b>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion