

Messiah Lutheran Church

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

Welcome Visitors!

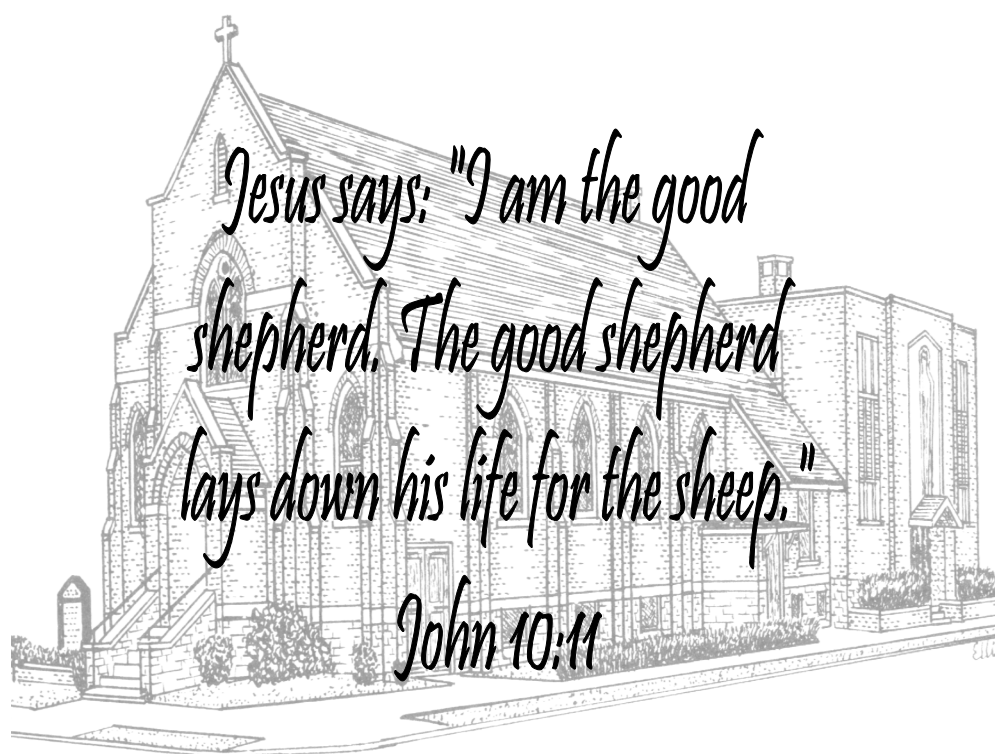
We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

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
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
11:00am Service of
Holy Communion*



Our Staff

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

Bonnie Stearns, Church Sexton

Michelle Flaherty, Second Service Music Minister

Pastor Tom Glasoe, Email: pastor@messiah-erie.org Cell: 814-460-8529

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: Pastor Tom is leading a weekly Bible study on **Mondays at 6:30PM** in Study Lounge.

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.	Brad Bresee	Brian Rogala, Jr.
Lector	Bella Alaniz	Jean Parker
Acolyte	Bella Alaniz	Josh Bartlett
Usher	Arnold Conner	Brian Rogala
Sound System	Brian Rogala, Jr.	Tim Smock
Video	Brian Rogala, Jr.	JJ Conner
Counters	Mary Rush, Tim Smock	Candy Sprouse, Karen Pistner
Altar Guild	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt	

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

P The God of all shepherds has called us here.

G **We come today, celebrating God's love for us.**

P The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

G **We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.**

P The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

G **We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.**

Praise Song

My Lighthouse

1. In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
in my failures, you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

2. In the silence, you won't let go.
In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Refrain: My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness,
I will follow you! Oh, my lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Bridge: Fire before us, you're the brightest.

You will lead us through the storms. (hey)(3X)

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Prayer of the Day

P 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.”

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☩ 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.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Song of the Day

Yes I Will

Verse: I count on one thing: the same God that never fails will not fail me now. You won't fail me now. In the waiting, the same God who's never late is working all things out. You're working all things out.

Refrain: Yes, I will lift you high in the lowest valley. Yes, I will bless your name. Yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy all my days, yes, I will. (V, R, T)

Tag: For all my days, yes I will.

Bridge: I choose to praise ,to glorify, glorify the name of all names that nothing can stand against. (repeat, R, T)

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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,
- G** **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.
- G** **Amen.**

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.

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Song of Offering

Jesus Messiah

Refrain: Jesus, Messiah; name above all names;
blessed redeemer; Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Bridge: All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you;
all the glory to you God,
the Light of the world. (R)

Ending: Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all! The Lord of all.

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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.

Call to Reconciliation

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!

Thanksgiving for the Great Meal

P Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God.

C We gladly lift up our hearts and give God our praise and thanksgiving.

Consecration

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]

Communion Music Instrumental

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.

C 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.

Closing Songs

Old Church Choir

1. There's revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.
A Sunday morning hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.

Pre-Refrain: (Oh 'cause) There ain't nothing,
there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

Refrain: I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.

I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

2. When the valleys that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb,
oh, you are with me, you never leave me. *(PR, R, B)*

Bridge: Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'til you find that gospel beat,
'cause he's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'til you find that gospel beat,
'cause he's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.
I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful. *(R, E)*

Ending: Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

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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

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

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