

## *Messiah Lutheran Church*

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

### **Welcome Visitors!**

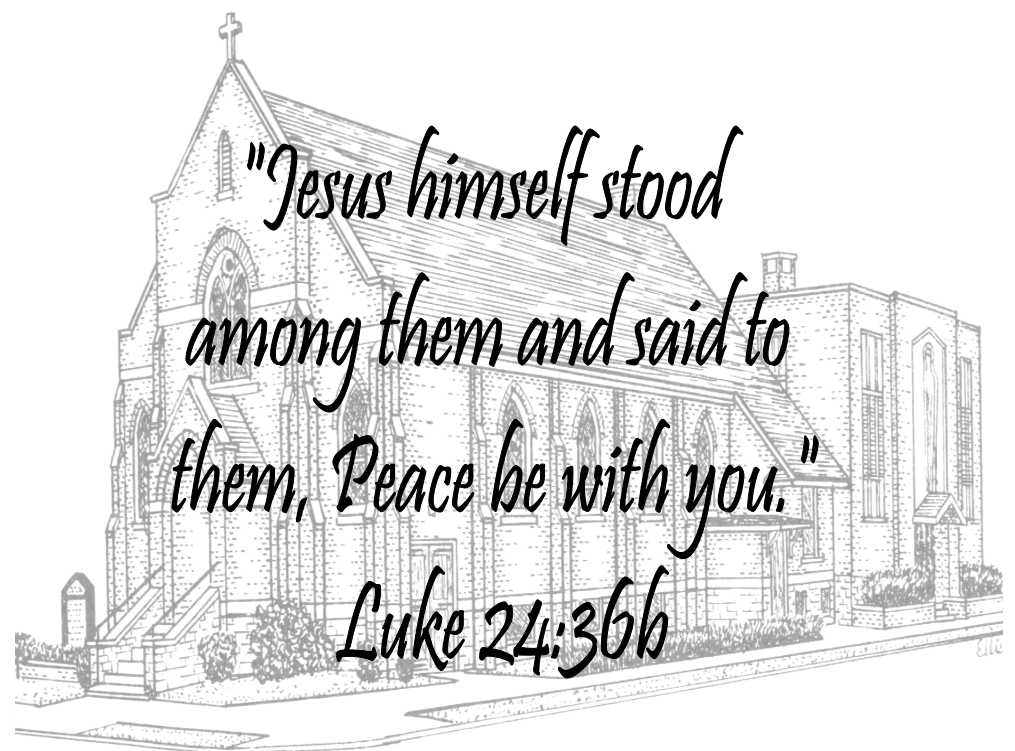
We are truly blessed that you are worshiping with us today! We have a special gift for you in the Narthex. Please pick one up before you leave.

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  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 2024  
11:00am Service of  
Holy Communion*



### **Our Staff**

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

**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>	Kathy Kiehl	Brad Bresee
<b>Lector</b>	Pam Bresee	Bella Alaniz
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kayla Bresee	Bella Alaniz
<b>Usher</b>	Brian Rogala	Arnold Conner
<b>Sound System</b>	Tim Smock	Brian Rogala, Jr.
<b>Video</b>	JJ Conner	Brian Rogala, Jr.
<b>Counters</b>	Art Anderson, Candy Sprouse	Mary Rush, Tim Smock
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ann Kent, Linda Voigt	

## *Welcome/Announcements*

### *Call to Worship*

- P** What great joy we have!
- G** **God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!**
- P** Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.
- G** **We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### *Praise Song*

#### *How Great is Our God*

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty:  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*Refrain:* How great is our God!  
Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

2. And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;  
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.  
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(R)*

*Bridge: (2x)* Name above all names. Worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing, how great is our God! *(Rx2)*

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### *Prayer of the Day*

- P** 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.
- G** **Amen**

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

### *Song of the Day*

### *Graves Into Gardens*

1. I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough.  
Then you came along and put me back together.  
And every desire is now satisfied here in your love.

*Refrain:* Oh there's nothing better than you.  
There's nothing better than you.  
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than you.

2. I'm not afraid to show you my weakness.  
My failures and flaws, Lord you've seen them all;  
and you still call me friend.  
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.  
There's not a place your mercy and grace won't find me again. (R)

*Bridge:* You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.  
You turn shame into glory. You're the only one who can. (2x)  
You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.  
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can. (2x)  
You're the only one who can. (R)

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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*

## *Who You Say I Am*

1. Who am I that the highest king would welcome me.  
I was lost but he brought me in. Oh, his love for me.  
Oh, his love for me.

*Refrain 1:* Who the son sets free, oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

2. Free at last he has ransomed me, his grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.  
Yes he died for me. (*R1, R2*)

*Refrain 2:* In my Father's house, there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

*Bridge:* I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who you say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who you say I am.  
(*Repeat, Tag*)

*Tag:* I am who you say I am (*R1, R2 x2*)

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## *Dismissal*

- Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- 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

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