

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA
God's People. Reaching Out

March 26, 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here.
Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave.

Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.

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SERVICE of WORSHIP

LBW Setting Two with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

1 Through the night of d
 2 One the light of C
 3 One the strain that
 4 On - ward, there - fore,

goes the pil - grim band,
 ran - somed peo - ple shed,
 from the heart of one;
 with the cross our aid.

ta - tion, March - ing to
 ter - ror, Bright - 'ning al
 per - il, One the m
 bat - tle Till we re

fore us through the da
 ob - ject of our jo
 glad - ness of re - jo
 come the great a - w

(song continues next page ➡)

guid - ing light; Pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, One the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, Where the one al - might - y
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all

pil - grim Step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, One the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther Reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 shad - ows, And the end of toil and gloom.

***THE GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



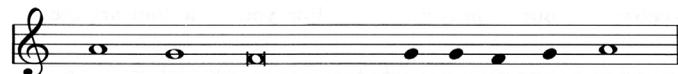
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



G A - men

*THE SALUTATION



E The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, you know.’ ⁴Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.’

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

THE PSALM

Psalms 130

¹Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

²If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

³For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

⁴I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

⁵My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁶O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

⁷with him there is plenteous redemption,
it is he who shall keep you safe.

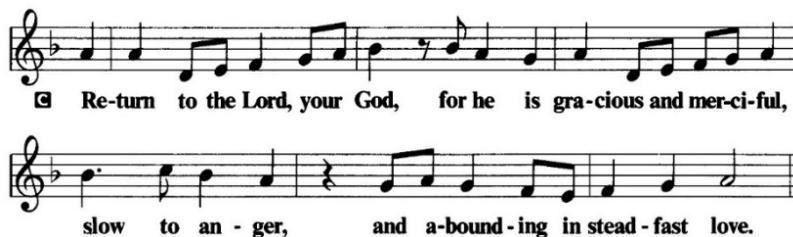
⁸The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jackie Sullivan

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"



Re-tur - to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹²The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁹Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

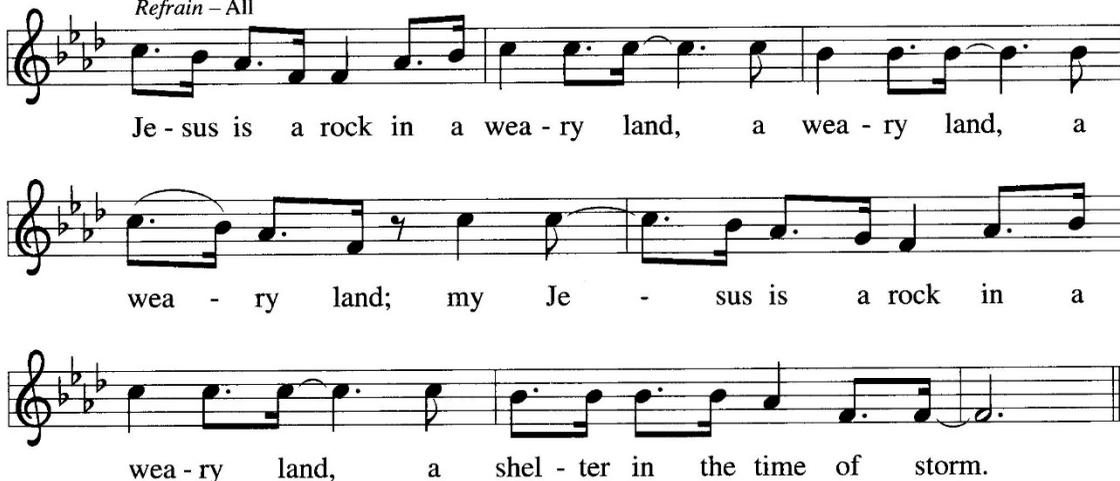


THE SERMON

*HYMN: "God Loved the World"

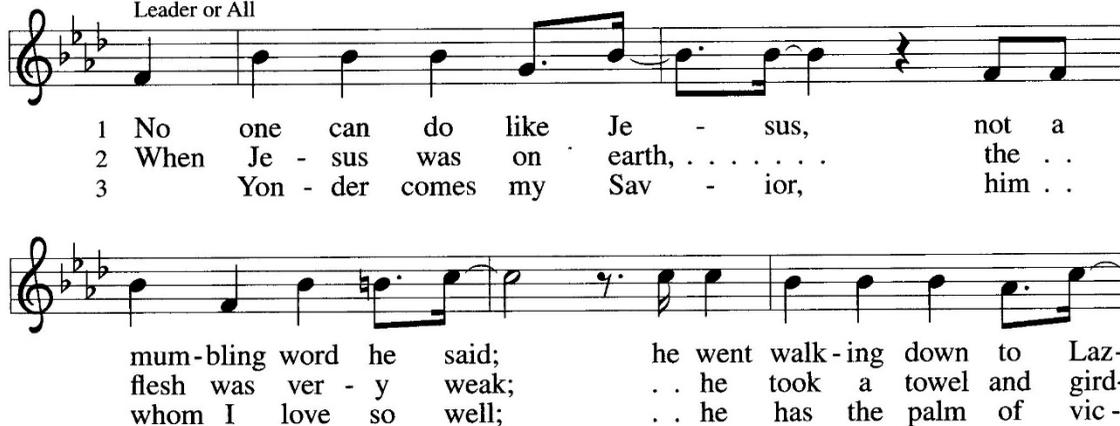
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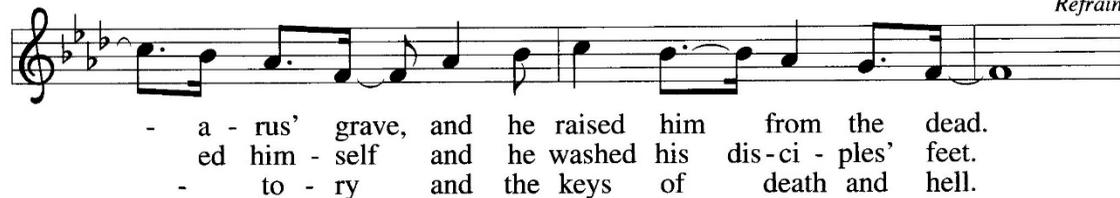
Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .
mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Piano Solo (8:30):

Choir Anthem (11:00): "The Tree of Life"

*THE OFFERTORY

LBW (green hymnal) pg. 86

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*THE PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn

*THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r 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.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

***THE DISTRIBUTION**

HYMN: "I Am the Bread of Life"

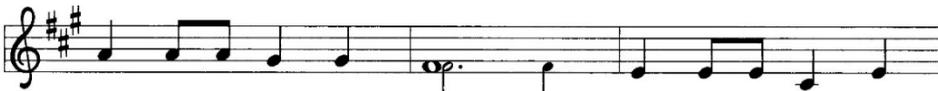
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1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . of you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

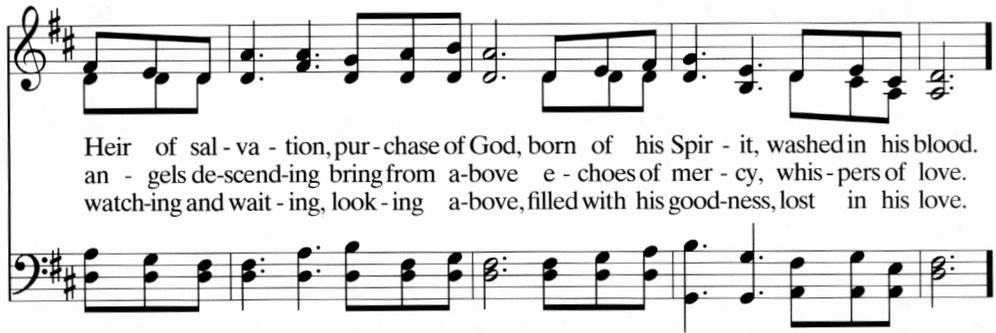


and I will raise you up on the last day."





1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

***THE BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL**

THE POSTLUDE

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WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to Prayers of the Church

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Georgann & Ed Trexler in celebration of Joshua's son, Lincoln's 8th birthday and for Georgann's Birthday.

THANK YOU to Pastor Keith Cook for preaching and leading worship today and Miriam Conrad for accompanying.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea & fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

SURPRISE! OUR CLOSING LAWYER REQUIRES MLC TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION for closing the sale on the Parsonage to meet Alabama Statutes. The meeting is planned for Tues., April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m via Zoom or in-person). More details and announcements to follow.

YOUTH EASTER BREAKFAST is back! Serving times have been expanded from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Please help the youth plan for quantities by completing the quick reservation form online or at the welcome center. On the menu: Quiches, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Muffins and More!

PASTORAL CARE Please contact Claire or the Church Office.

KITCHEN LEADS are needed for the remainder of the Wednesday Night Dinners. Sign up using the SignUP genius (see QR code) or at the Welcome Center. POC Debi Peterson

HOUSE OF THE HARVEST BREAKFAST & SERVING SATURDAYS for MLC youth, ALL members, and friends are planned for April 1, and April 22 from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. Just come! There will be MLC parents and youth there to help get you oriented. House of the Harvest is located at 9144 Wall Triana Hwy, Harvest, AL 35749. POCs Bonnie Flowers, Claire Strand.

MLC RUMMAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - Please save the date, *and your no longer needed, but serviceable, household goods and clothing* to donate starting Wednesday evening on April 19. Volunteers and helpers are needed for set up and clean up. POC is Paulette McNamara.

SPRING HANDMADE MINI MARKET to support MLC's three *Lunches for Learning* schools in Honduras is Sunday, April 23 in the Fellowship Hall. POC is Elaine Shriver.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Toothbrushes **FOOD PANTRY** Paper Towels

<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Acolytes</u>	(8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobby Huwaldt	<u>Greeter</u>	Huwaldts (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Ushers</u>	Virgil & Susan Burrer (8:30)
<u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u>	William Strand		Matthew DeMarsh, Tom McNamara (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Lectors</u>	Joe Huwaldt (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Leelinda Baggett (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Glen Long, Craig Martin
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jean Stuart

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, March 26

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages/Personal Care Kit Packing
- 10:40 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. - Weekend Food Packing
- 4:00 p.m. - 1st Year Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella

Monday, March 27

- 6:30 p.m. - Women's Book & Social Club

Tuesday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, March 29

- 12:00 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Worship - *Service of the Word*
- 5:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir, Seraph Choir
- 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Worship - *Holden Evening Prayer*
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, March 30

- 7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministries

Saturday, March 25

- 7:15 a.m. - House of the Harvest Breakfast & Service

Sunday, April 2 - PALM SUNDAY - WELCOME PASTOR KRIS

- 8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Adults/ Egg Hunt & Party
- 11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
- 4:00 p.m. - 1st Year Confirmation
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella

**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

April 6 - Maundy Thursday Services Noon & 7 P.M.

April 7 - Good Friday Tenebrae Services Noon & 7 P.M.

April 8 - Holy Saturday Prayer Stations

April 9 - Easter Sunday/Easter Breakfast

April 22 - Church Rummage Sale, House of the Harvest Breakfast

April 23 - Mini Handmade Market

April 28 - Valley Consort Choral Concert at MLC

April 30 - Installation of Pastor Kris Schroeder

June 5-11 - Messiah Music Camp - Register Today at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org

Attendance:

March 12 Online: - 96

March 19 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 96, 11:00 a.m. - 49

Offerings Counted March 19, 2023

- Church Ministries
- Current Mortgages
- Flowers
- Lunches for Learning*
- Lent

- Messiah Mugs
- Comforters
- Easter Lilies
- Property
- Initial Offering

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to give to MLC tday.



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