



April 23, 2023

The Third Sunday in Easter



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 2 with the Lord's Supper
** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in C" (J. S. Bach) Steven Schneider, Guest Organist

WELCOME AND 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 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

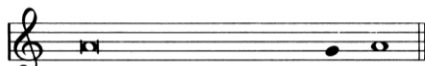
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*THE GREETING

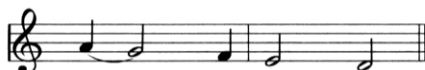
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

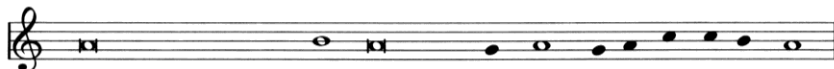
*THE KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



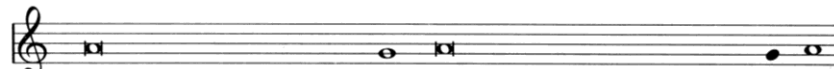
G Lord, have mer - cy.



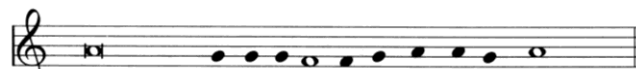
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



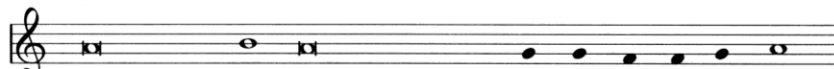
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



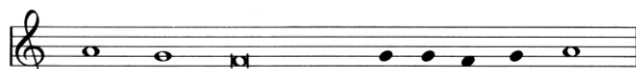
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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 HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



B Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,
³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."
³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

THE PSALM: *Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17*

- ¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- ²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
- ³Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

¹⁰How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?

¹¹I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹²I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

¹³Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his servants.

¹⁴O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁶I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁷in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Children's Sermon

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.



*THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*HYMN: "Stay with Us"

WOV 743



1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to
2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our
3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our
4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful
5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our
wea - ry spir - its cry. Feel a - gain our loss, our
weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our
life you will un - fold. Heal our eyes to see the
dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.
pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.
fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.
prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.
part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: STAY WITH US, Walter L. Pelz, b. 1926

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*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

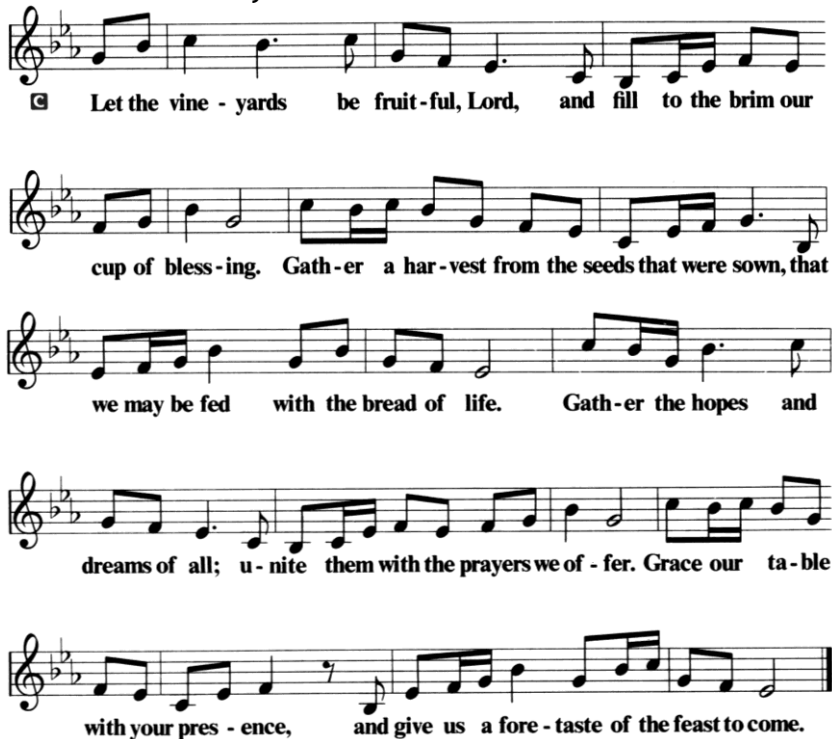
**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30): “La Contemplation” (E. Thayer)

Choir Anthem (11:00): “Alleluia” (Boyce)

*THE OFFERTORY: “Let the Vineyards”



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste 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 and THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

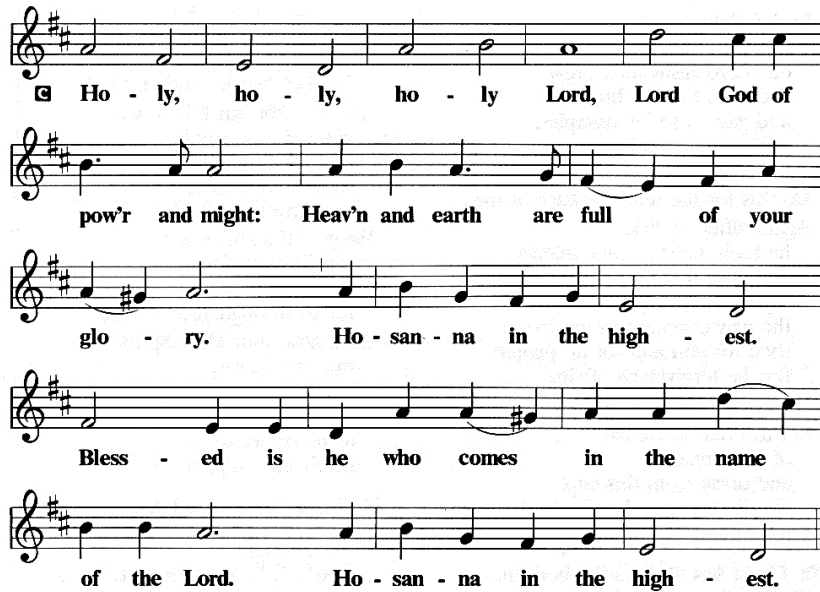
Lift up your hearts.

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 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

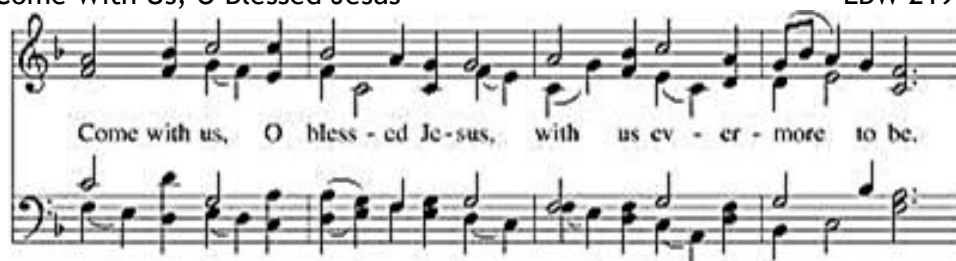


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"

LBW 219



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come, bring peace, good will to men.

Text: John H. Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891

Music: JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING, Johann Schop, 1600-1665, arr. J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

HYMN: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

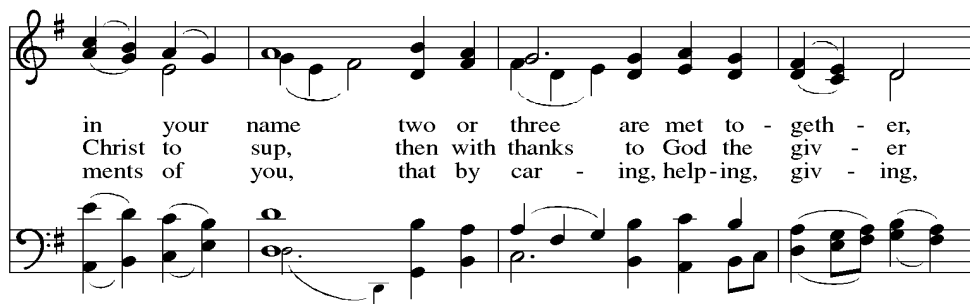
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(8:30) verses 1, 2, and 3: all

(11:00) verse 1: all, verse 2: choir only, verse 3: all



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er,
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.


Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and melismatic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what". The second staff continues: "he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -". The third staff continues: "joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -". The fourth staff continues: "es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -". The fifth staff concludes with: "giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The final note is a whole note G.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BENEDICTION and THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Con Grandezza" (C. Vincent)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by the Sullivan Family in honor of Jackie's 18th birthday, and by Jeannette & Greg Beamer in honor of the birthdays of Kelly & Ross Ingram

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee in the Fellowship hall.

THANK YOU Steven Schneider for accompanying worship today. MLC continues to seek a permanent Music Director/Accompanist. Information at www.mlutheran.org

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.

COME SHOP & SUPPORT THE MINI-HANDMADE MARKET today in the Fellowship Hall between services and until 12:30 p.m. 100% of your purchase supports the three schools in Honduras that Messiah Sponsors school lunches for through *Lunches for Learning*. Now's a perfect time to pick up something for that special someone, be it a teacher, friend, family member, or even you!

THE INSTALLATION OF PASTOR KRIS IS APRIL 30, 2023, AT 2 PM. A reception in the Parish Hall will immediately follow. Pastor Justin Eller, Assistant to the Bishop ELCA Southeastern Synod will preside at the installation that will include the Lord's Supper. The community is invited. Help is being requested for the reception. Please use the SignUp Genius form if you are willing to bring food or assist with the reception set up, serving, or cleanup. A Sign Up is also in the Narthex.

MESSIAH MUSIC CAMP IS JUNE 5 - JUNE 11 - Give your child or grandchild a memorable week of music, fun, and recreation for just \$100 (\$20 discount for each additional sibling). Register online at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org **Adult and Youth Volunteers needed.** If interested and available, please contact Camp Director Stephanie Gillespie at musiccamp@mlutheran.org

"GOD'S GOOD CREATION" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be at MLC on Wednesday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, June 21 - through July 19 (except on July 5). See details in MLC E-News.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap **FOOD PANTRY** Paper Towels

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt
	Meredith Kilby
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields
<u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u>	William Strand
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand

Pastor Kris Schroeder

Email: pastor.kris@mlutheran.org

Pastor Cell Phone: 480-338-6519

*Please do not respond to messages or emails
by Pr. Kris (staff, or council) for help or assistance
with a "sensitive" matter that solicits money.*

Acolytes

Hadley Oltmans (8:30)

Hannah Seitz (11:00)

Greeter

Pitchko Family (8:30)

Ushers

Anita deJong (11:00)

Bruce Machamer &

Mark Thompson (8:30)

Bruce Peter, Tom McNamara (11:00)

Lectors

Bill Schroeder (8:30)

Bonnie Flowers (11:00)

Altar Guild

Linda Peirce (8:30)

Mary Ann Stasiak (11:00)

Stream Team

Daniel Hopkin, Craig Martin

Flower Guild

Janice Aldaco, Jan Murphy

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, April 23

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
10:40 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. - 1st year Confirmation class
5:00 p.m. - Junior/Senior Youth Group Meetings

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday - April 26

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
6:00 p.m. - German Food Festival Planning Mtg.
6:30 p.m. - Notabella
7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday - April 27

7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m. - Worship: WOV Bread of Life with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages, Weekend Food Program Packing , Town Hall Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: WOV Bread of Life with the Lord's Supper
2:00 p.m. - Installation of Pastor Kris Schroeder
4:00 p.m. - 1st year Confirmation class

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

LOOKING AHEAD

May 7 - Congregational Meeting at 9:45 AM - Sanctuary

May 10 - Last Wednesday Night Dinner and Events

May 14 - Graduate Recognition Sunday

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

June 21 - "God's Good Creation" VBS begins

SignUp Genius



- Installation Reception Form
- Sunday Worship Assistants
- Counters, Coffee & More!

Attendance:

April 9 Online: - 132

April 16 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 91, 11:00 a.m. - 48

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to
give to MLC tday.



Blessing Baskets for MLC's four HS Graduates are ready to be filled in the Narthex with items a young adult needs in the next chapter of their lives. Deadline to bring items is May 14, 2023 by 8:30 a.m. service.