



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

MADISON, ALABAMA

God's People. Reaching Out

April 16, 2023

11:00 AM Service

The Second 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.

Online Guest Form

Messiah Lutheran Church

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SERVICE of WORSHIP

** Please stand as you are able*

Contemporary Service with the Lord's Supper

Unless printed in the bulletin, all hymns can be found in the black contemporary song binders at the number listed.

PRELUDE Let God Arise

#49

Verse 1

*Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what He has done for us
Tell the world of His great love*

Pre-Chorus

*Our God is a God who saves
Our God is a God who saves*

Chorus 1

*Let God arise
Let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever*

Verse 2

*His enemies will run for sure
The Church will stand she will endure
He holds the keys of life our Lord
Death has no sting no final word*

Chorus 2

*God arise
Let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever*

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen

*OPENING SONG: "Holy is the Lord"

#37

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

*RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 16

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- ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”
- ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.
- ¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was

not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

William Strand

*SONG: “Because He Lives (Amen)”

#57

*THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

THE SERMON

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a mar'ulous mystery yeah

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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

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE OFFERING “Jesus Messiah”

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.
Amen

***PRAYERS**

***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

DISTRIBUTION

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen

***CLOSING SONG: “Blessed be Your Name”**

#4

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Let Everything That Has Breath"

Sarah McArthur - vocals
Stephanie Gillespie - vocals
David Gillespie - drums
Ric Birdsong - acoustic guitar
Bob Davis - electric guitar
Paul Zutter - bass guitar
Gretchen Perry - violin
Randall Fields - keyboard
Stephen Strand, Lee Seitz, Shane Peterson - sound technicians
Meredith Kilby - camera

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WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Laura Peterson, and by Joanne Weber in memory of her mother Lorna Schmitz.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and donuts in the Fellowship hall.

THANK YOU to the Contemporary Worship Team for assisting with music for 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.

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 Southeastern Synod will preside at the installation that will include the Lord's Supper. The community is invited.

MLC WILL SERVE AT HOUSE OF THE HARVEST this Saturday, April 22 from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. All are welcome. House of the Harvest is located at 9144 Wall Triana Hwy, Harvest, AL 35749. With nice weather we'll maybe enjoy breakfast on the deck. POCs Bonnie Flowers, Claire Strand.

MLC'S RUMMAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 22 FROM 8 AM to NOON - *The sale will now include a terrific selection of value-priced perennials!* Donated items can be brought to MLC starting **Wednesday evening April 19**. Volunteers and helpers are needed for set up on 4/20 & 4/21 and clean up after the sale. Proceeds support MLC's Altar Guild (for new paraments) and Owen's House for Woman & Children. Cash & Credit cards accepted. POC is Paulette McNamara.

THE SPRING MINI HANDMADE MARKET to support the Lunches for Learning school lunch program in Honduras is Sunday, April 23 from 9:30 - 12:15 (except during worship). Come select a wonderful selection of handcrafted and donated gifts, accessories, soaps, and jewelry just in time for gifting to teachers, mothers, and others! Donated, hand crafted items are welcome. Cash and credit cards accepted. POC is Elaine Shriver.

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

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

Acolytes Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
(11:00)
Greeter Heidemans (8:30)
(11:00)
Ushers Owen Wasmoen, Lee Smith (8:30)
Bruce Peter, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
Lectors Pitchkos (8:30)
Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
Altar Guild LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
Jutta DeMarsh
(11:00)

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Stream Team Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin
Flower Guild Mary Burke

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, April 16

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

Monday, April 17

4:45 p.m. - Owen's House Kitchen Serving

Tuesday, April 18

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday - April 19

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
6:30 p.m. - Notabella
7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday - April 20

7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministry
7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

Saturday - April 22

7:15 a.m. - House of the Harvest Serving
8:00 a.m. - Rummage Sale

Sunday, April 23

8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW 2 with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a.m. - Mini Handmade Market
11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW 2 with the Lord's Supper
4:00 p.m. - 1st year Confirmation class
5:00 p.m. - Junior/Senior Youth Group Meetings
**These services are live streamed on mlutheran.org*

LOOKING AHEAD

April 30 - Installation of Pastor Kris Schroeder

May 14 - Graduate Recognition Sunday

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

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June 28 - Start of VBS “God’s Great Creation”

Attendance:

April 2 Online: - 148

April 9 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 206, 11:00 a.m. - 105

Offerings Counted April 9, 2023 (Includes e-giving for March)