



April 9, 2023

Resurrection of our Lord



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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Messiah Lutheran Church

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: "Now the Green Blade Rises"(arr. Sedio)

Amanda Weiland,
Guest Organist

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

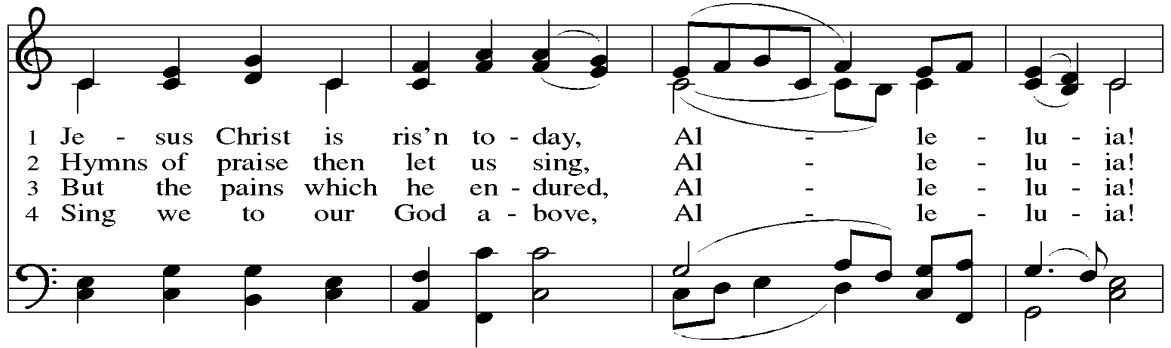
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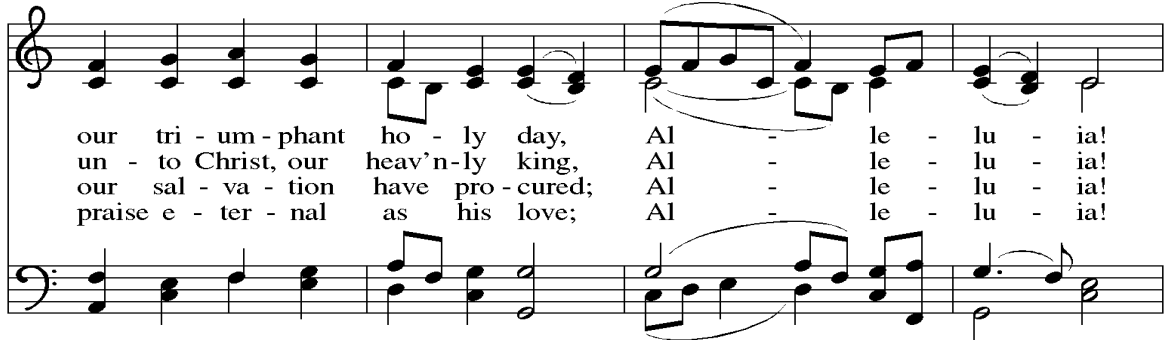
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

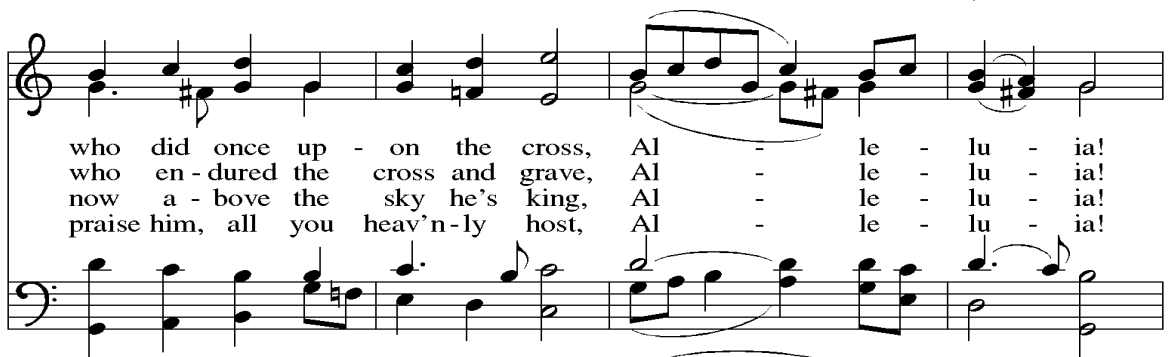
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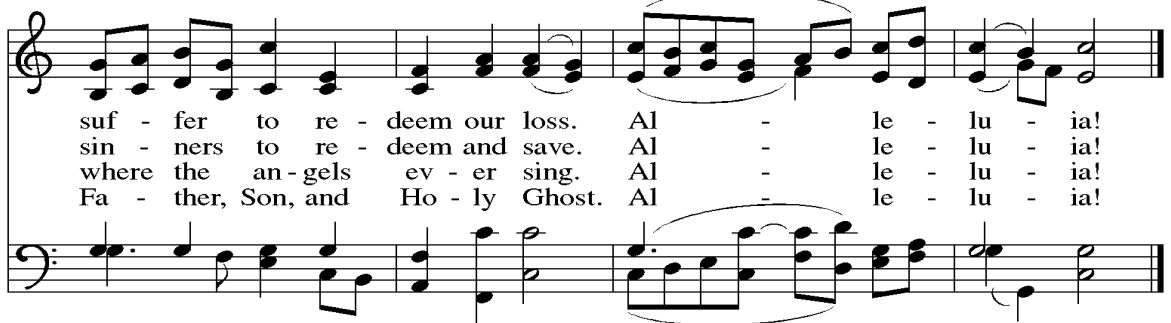
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

WELCOME & 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 you 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.)

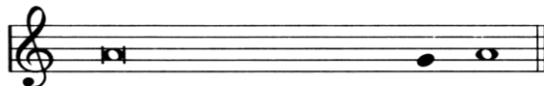
Most merciful God, **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake 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**

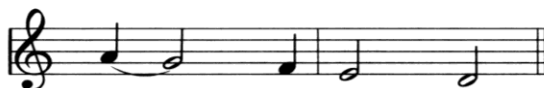
*THE GREETING

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.



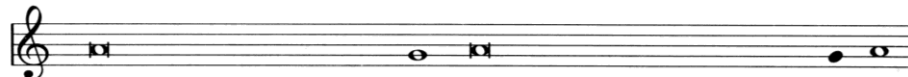
B Lord, have mer - cy.



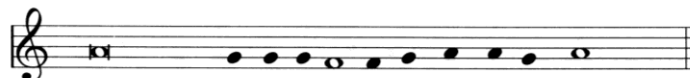
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



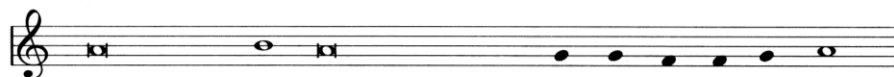
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



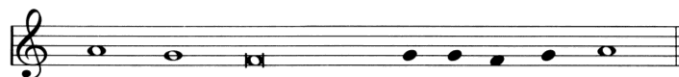
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



Ⓑ 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



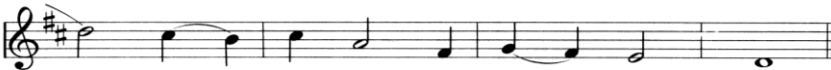
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the

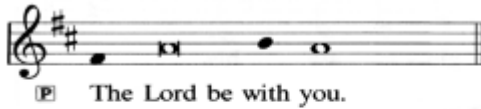


Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



- le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE SALUTATION



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

THE PSALM: *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever

²Let Israel now proclaim,

“His mercy endures forever.”

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory

in the tents of the righteous:

- ¹⁶“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the
LORD has triumphed!”
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter.”
- ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²²The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³This is the LORD’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

CHERUB & SERAPH CHOIRS (8:30): “Jesus Loves Me” (Bradbury)

Laura Simeone &
Bonnie Flowers, directors

THE SERMON

*HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection!"

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made, For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Risen Christ,
Receive our prayer.**

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

THE OFFERING

Choir & Handbell Anthem: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (arr. Dobrinski)

***THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a square symbol and contains the lyrics: "Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "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

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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.

HYMN: "Now the Green Blade Rises"

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1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.

Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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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.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BENEDICTION

*HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Tocatta on 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today'"

(arr. Young)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to the names spoken during Prayers of the Church

THE EASTER DISPLAY is arranged by the Flower Guild. Please see the insert for dedications.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy Easter Breakfast in MLC's Parish Hall. The Breakfast is a MLC Youth Fundraiser. Free-will offerings support the Youth Travel Fund.

THANK YOU Amanda Weiland for accompanying worship today. MLC continues to seek a permanent Music Director/Accompanist. Please see www.mlutheran.org for details.

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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING THIS TUES., APRIL 11 at 7 PM (ZOOM/IN-PERSON) The Congregation must act on a resolution approving the sale of its parsonage. This is to meet Alabama Statutes and is being required for closing by the attorneys. Copies of the announcement are in the church office. Direct questions to Greg Kilby, Lisa Evers, Jay Perry, or Lee Smith.

THE LAST OF THREE HOUSE OF THE HARVEST BREAKFAST & SERVING SATURDAYS is April 22 from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. All are welcome. 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. With nice weather we'll maybe enjoy breakfast on the deck. POCs Bonnie Flowers, Claire Strand.

MLC RUMMAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 22 FROM 8 AM to NOON - Now's the time to go through those closets, attics, and garages for no longer needed household goods, small appliances (no tube tvs or computers, please), tools, books, décor and clothing to donate **starting Wednesday evening of 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.

MESSIAH MUSIC CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN for all children grades Kindergarten through 9th Grade. This year's Musical is "Sam, the Shams, and the Shepherd King. Cost per child is \$100 for a full week of fun, music, and recreation. Visit www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org

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

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes/Bible Bearer/Cross Bearer</u>	(8:30)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	Logan Rydbom, Ryan Fedrick, Natalie Zesinger	
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Acolytes/Bible Bearer/Cross Bearer</u>	(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	Hannah Seitz, Thomas Seitz, Olivia Sullivan	
	Meredith Kilby	<u>Greeter</u>	Pitchko Family (8:30)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Betty Roenfeldt (11:00)
<u>Interim Director/Faith Formation</u>	William Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Virgil & Susan Burrer (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		Matthew DeMarsh, Bruce Peter (11:00)
		<u>Lectors</u>	Laura Peterson (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janet Smith, Janell Zesinger (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Bob Davis, Claire Davis
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Flower Guild Members

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast in Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 a.m. - Comforters
7:00 p.m. - Special Congregation Meeting (Sale of Parsonage) Zoom & Sanctuary

Wednesday - April 12

5:30 p.m. - Wed 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 13

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

Sunday, April 16

8:30 a.m. - Worship: Chicago Folk Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: Contemporary Service w/LS
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 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 26 Online: - 70

April 2 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 149, 11:00 a.m. - 79

Offerings Counted April 2, 2023

Church Ministries
Current Mortgages
Comforters
Hoy Hill
Easter Lilies
Kit Ministries
Huntsville Assistance Program
Property

Messiah Mugs
LWR Disaster Response
House of the Harvest
Lent
Owen's House/Women & Children
Office Supply
Youth Travel Fund
Altar Guild

PASTOR Kris Schroeder

Email: pastor.kris@mlutheran.org

Office: 256-721-0041

ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to give to MLC tdav.



Please use MLC's new Post Office box for all offerings or sensitive communications to MLC delivered by US Postal Service. Mail to:

Messiah Lutheran Church

P.O. Box 526

Madison, AL 35758

Pastor Kris, staff, or Council Members will NEVER ask members to provide monetary assistance / gift cards, etc. by text or email.

Please do not respond to these messages. *They are fraudulent.*

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Disaster Response Ministry

**Giving is the best way
you can help!**

Spring tornadoes started early this year with large tornadoes in January in GA and in AL and again with widespread destruction recently in MS and northern AL. In addition to those, smaller tornadoes have touched down in many communities across our synod, leaving damaged homes and families in need. Your synod disaster ministry team is actively responding alongside congregations within the impacted areas to address the needs of survivors and help communities organize for recovery.

Please consider making a gift to the Southeastern Synod Disaster Ministry to help us with our "long-term and on-the-ground" efforts.



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