

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

April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter



The Easter season includes seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Good Morning and Welcome!

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* Please stand as you are able

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (Swedish Folk Tune)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (R. Jackson)

*HYMN: “Christ Arose”

1. Low in the grave He lay Je - - sus my Sa - - vior!
2. Vain - - ly they watch His bed- Je - - sus my Sa - - vior!
3. Death can - not keep his prey- Je - - sus my Sa - - vior!

Wait - - ing the co - - ming day- Je - - sus my Lord!
Vain - - ly they seal the dead- Je - - sus my Lord!
He tore the bars a - - way- Je - - sus my Lord!

Up from the grave He a - rose, With a might - y tri - umph o'er His
He a-rose!

foes; He a - rose a Vic-tor from the dark do-main, And He lives for - ev - er with His
He a-rose!

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saints to reign. He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal-le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

He a-rose! He a-rose!

***GREETING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:

And with you, too.

Leader:

(The leader announces the Day or the theme of celebration.)

Let us pray.

(A silence is kept for individual prayer.)

The Prayer For The Day

All: AMEN

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Congregation:

SONG OF PRAISE

1
Glo-ry be to God on high, praise to you most
Ho - ly! O Lord God, Heav'n - ly King
2a
God the Fa - ther Al - might - y! O Lord God,
Lamb of God, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther:
2b
Christ who takes a - way our sin, have mer - cy up -
3
on us. For you on - ly Lord, O Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it, are most high
in the glo - ry of — God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry be to God on high! A - men.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

THE PSALM: Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

SECOND READING:

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

CHILDRENS SERMON

Bonnie Flowers

*AL-LE-LU-LE, ALLELUIA (Verses 1 & 6)

AL-LE-LU-LE, ALLELUIA

Congregation:

Refrain

Sing praise to the Lord, — all the earth!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ial *fine*

Play mu - sic to praise his name!

Al - le - lu - le, Al - le - lu - ial (VERSE)

Leader:

VERSE

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| <p>1. Our passover lamb is Christ,
Who banished the Angel of Death.
<i>(Congregation sing refrain.)</i></p> <p>2. Our God made the earth for good,
And one day [all men]* will rejoice.
<i>(Congregation sing refrain.)</i></p> <p>3. We sing to the glory of the Lord,
Who set us free from our sins.
<i>(Congregation sing refrain.)</i></p> | <p>4. To Christ our heavenly king
Give thanks for everything.
<i>(Congregation sing refrain.)</i></p> <p>5. He came to show us how
To live in the here and now.
<i>(Congregation sing refrain.)</i></p> <p>6. He suffered and died for us,
And one day he shall return.
<i>(Congregation sing refrain.)</i></p> |
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*GOSPEL READING:

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."

²⁴But 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.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY: "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

WOV 675



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

*CREED

Congregation:

1. We all be - lieve — in one true
 2. (And) we be - lieve — in Je - sus
 3. (And) we in the Ho - ly Ghost be -

1. God — Mak - er of Earth — and Heav -
 2. Christ, his Son our — Lord — and Sav -
 3. lieve, who Grace and — Com - fort giv -

1. en, the Fa - ther who — to
 2. ior, who with the Fa - ther
 3. eth, and with the Fa - ther

1. us in love, hath the name of
 2. e - qual might, — bath pow'r and
 3. and the Son in e - ter - nal

2

1. chil - dren giv - en, He in
 2. glo - ry for - ev - er. Born of
 3. glo - ry liv - eth. Who all

1. soul and bod - y feeds us.
 2. Mar - y Vir - gin Moth - er
 3. [Chris - tian broth - ers]* e - ven

1. All we need his hand pro-
 2. by the work - ing of the
 3. keeps in u - ni - ty of

3

1. vides us, through all snares and
 2. Spir - it, he be - came our
 3. Spir - it, sins are tru - ly for-

1. per - ils leads us sees no
 2. el - der broth - er, that Heav'n we
 3. giv - en through the Blest Re-

4

1. harm be - tides us.
 2. might in - her - it.
 3. deem - er's mer - it.

1. He cares for us by day and
 2. Was crucified by [sinful and
 3. All flesh shall rise again and

1. night, all things are governed by
 2. men] and raised by God to life
 3. we shall live with God eter-

1. His might. And
 2. a gain. And
 3. nal

3. ly.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

Evelyn Kay Root

*BAPTISMAL WELCOME (11:00)

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE (11:00)

*DEACON'S PRAYER

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For the peace that is from above and for our resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the people of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Leader: For this holy place and for those who in faith, devotion, and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

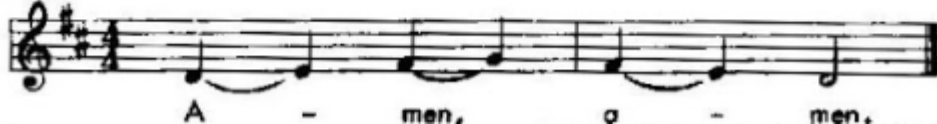
Congregation:



(Spoken intercessions may be inserted here.)

Leader: Help, save, strengthen and defend us, O God, by your grace.

Congregation:



OFFERING

Notabella(11:00): "Emma's Theme" (A. Sherman) Gretchen Perry, Violin

*OFFERTORY "Create in Me"

Congregation:

CREATE IN ME

The musical score is written for a congregation and consists of ten staves of music. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. There are four numbered sections: Section 2 (first staff), Section 3 (fifth staff), and Section 4 (seventh and eighth staves). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O,
God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. —
— Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. — Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your spir - it free. — Cre -
ate in me a clean heart, O — God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. —

*THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:

1b

And with you, too.

Musical notation for Congregation part 1b: A single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a whole note G4. A box containing the number '1b' is positioned above the final measure.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:

1c

We lift them up to God.

Musical notation for Congregation part 1c: A single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a whole note G4. A box containing the number '1c' is positioned above the final measure.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation:

2

It is good and right to do.

Musical notation for Congregation part 2: A single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a whole note G4. A box containing the number '2' is positioned above the final measure.

Leader: It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

Congregation:

3

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
Hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most high.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. —
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -
san - nah in the high - est!

Musical notation for Congregation part 3: Six staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a whole note G4. A box containing the number '3' is positioned above the first measure.

*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

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:

Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world, — have mer - cy on us.
Christ, O Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on
us. Christ, O Lamb of
God, who takes a - way the sin of the world, —
give us your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

ACS 941

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.
 un - til my will is one with yours, to do and to en - dure.
 but live with you the per - fect life for all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1878, alt.
 Tune: Robert Jackson, 1878

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O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je -

sus, _____ to reach out and touch him, _____ and

say that we love him. _____ O - pen our ears,

Lord, _____ and help us to lis - ten. _____

O - pen our eyes, Lord, _____ we want to see Je - sus. _____

WORDS: Bob Cull (John 12:21; Eph. 1:17-18)
 MUSIC: Bob Cull

OPEN OUR EYES
 Irr.

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*SEND US FORTH IN PEACE

Leader: Lord, we have your peace.

Congregation:

2

Lord, we have your peace.

3

Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your

peace. Just as you said we have heard it,

Just as you lived we have felt it. Lord we have your

4a

peace. Sus - tain us in your peace, O Lord, as we

go to our sep' - rate worlds. Keep this peace with

4b

us as we try to love in our trou - bled worlds.—

5

—

6

Send us forth in peace.

Send us forth in peace to be a light to show your

beau - ty for - ev - er.—

*THE BLESSING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



And with you, too.

Leader: Bless we the Lord.

Congregation:



Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you.
And give you peace,
In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation:



A - - men.



1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

*DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” (G. J. Evley)

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WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Matt & Jutta DeMarsh in celebration of Matthew's 32nd birthday today.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after both services.

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

EVELYN KAY ROOT, daughter of Heather and Evan is received into the Lord's Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today at the 11:00 a.m. service. Evelyn's Baptismal Sponsor is Adam Neely. May God bless Evelyn as she lives and grows in our Christian faith. All are welcome to celebrate with the family after the late service in the Fellowship Hall.

A CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND THE RETIREMENT POTLUCK FOR CLAIRE STRAND is planned for Sunday, April 21 at Noon in the Parish Hall. MLC will honor God's work through this gifted and caring disciple. Claire is retiring and plans to continue being active in the missions and ministries of MLC. The April "Messiah Messenger" and upcoming E-Messengers" will have links and details.

SPRING HANDMADE MINI MARKET to support MLC's three *Lunches for Learning* schools in Honduras is Sunday, April 21 in the Fellowship Hall after and between services of worship. Come shop a wonderful selection of items perfect for gifting to teachers, friends, hosts, or enjoying oneself. There's jewelry, crocheted and knit accessories and apparel, household décor, and more! Cash, Check, and Credit Cards accepted. 100% of money raised goes to feed and nourish students through the *Lunches for Learning* mission. POC Elaine Shriver

MUSIC CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION IS OPEN All children rising Kindergarten through rising 9th grade are welcome to experience Messiah Music Camp. The week-long camp is June 3 - 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a Saturday morning dress rehearsal on June 8, and a single Sunday morning presentation of the musical "Say What?" during worship on June 9 (9:30). The cost of the camp is \$100.00 with discounts available for siblings. Visit the Music Camp website at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org to register. Opportunities to volunteer will be announced soon.

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

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Guitar</u>	Bob Davis
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Cantor</u>	Hannah Seitz
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand		Karen Arnold, Jon & Kathryn Eaton (11:00)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Stream Team</u>	Glen Long, Lee Seitz
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jutta DeMarsh
	Meredith Kilby		
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker		

<u>Acolytes</u>	Leonardo Diaz (8:30)
	(11:00)
<u>Greeters</u>	(8:30)
	(11:00)
<u>Ushers</u>	(8:30)
	Matthew DeMarsh, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
<u>Lectors</u>	Bonnie Flowers (8:30)
	Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, April 7

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All
5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Notabella

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

Wednesday, April 10

5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner -
6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir
6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir
7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, April 11

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry
7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: Now the Feast w/the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All
11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: Now the Feast w/the Lord's Supper
5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Notabella

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

LOOKING AHEAD

April 20 - Messiah "Artreach" Card Workshop

April 21 - Mini Handmade Market - Fellowship Hall

Celebration of Mission & Retirement of Claire Strand Potluck

May 5 - Congregation Meeting with Elections and Potluck

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday, Affirmation of Baptism, Graduate Blessings

June 3 - 9 - Messiah Music Camp

Attendance:

March 24 - Online - 52 March 31 - 8:30 a.m. - 181, 11:00 a.m. - 133

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