

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

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Easter



This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit..

Good Morning and Welcome!

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper
** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Morning Has Broken" (Richard Blake)

Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

*THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.
heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

*THE GREETING

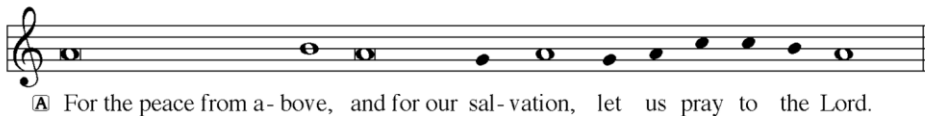
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*THE KYRIE



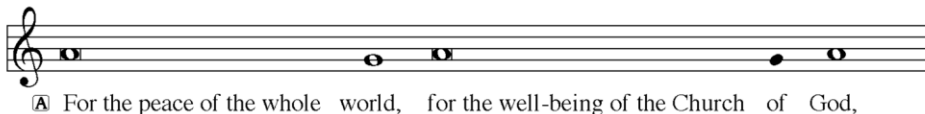
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



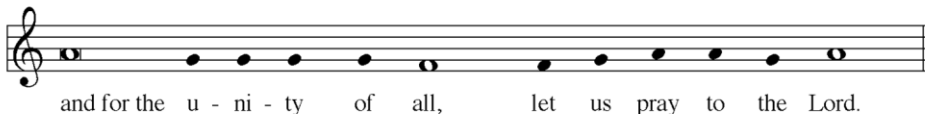
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



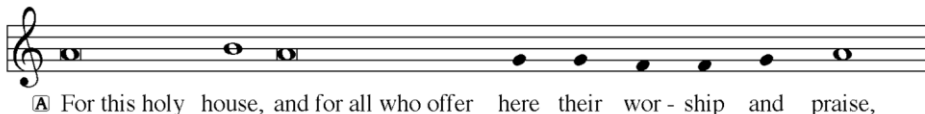
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



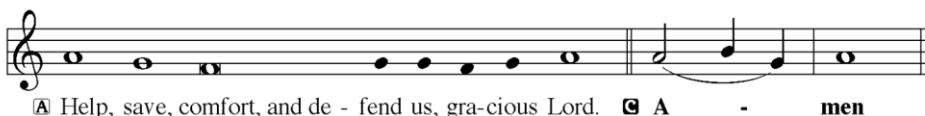
G Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



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.

only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bonnie Flowers

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

*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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERING

Choir Anthem (8:30): “If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments” (Tallis)

Organ Solo (11:00): “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (Wilbur Held)

*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

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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



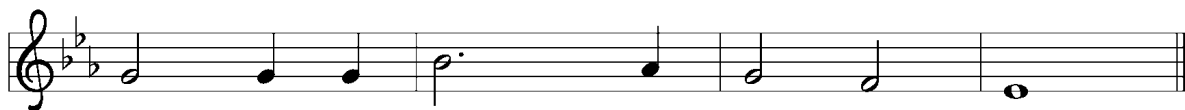
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me!"

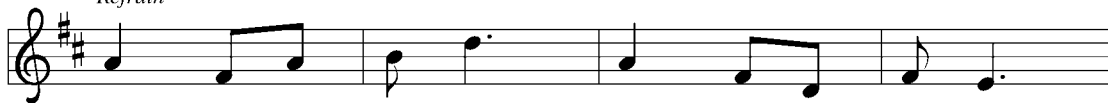
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1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

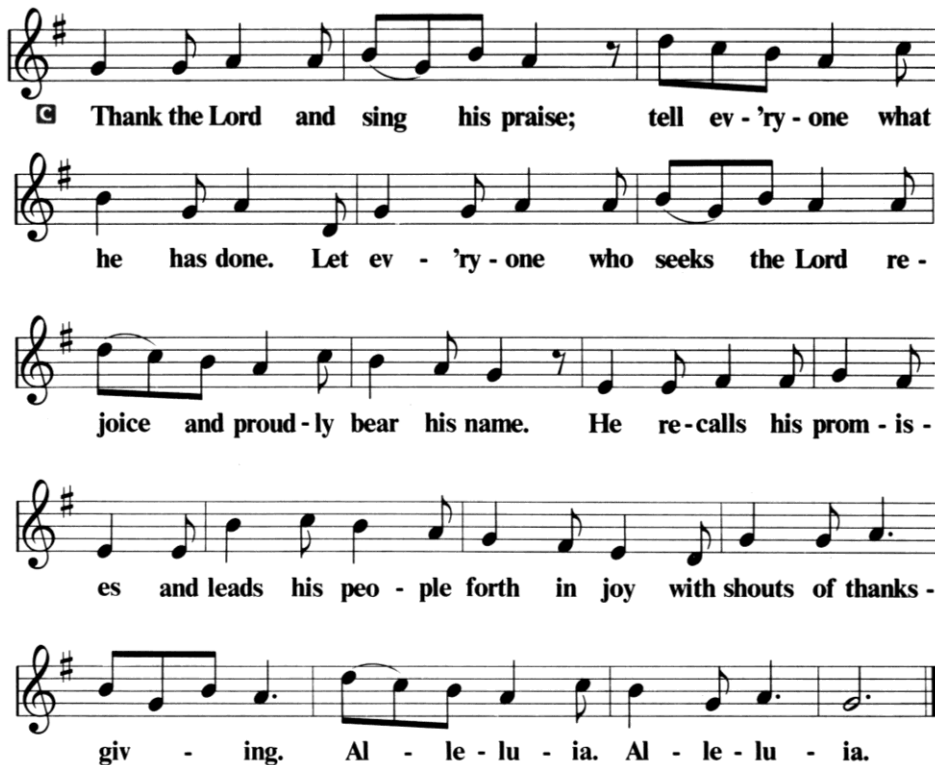
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

HYMN: "O God beyond All Praising" (not printed)

WOV (Blue hymnal) 797

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE 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 BLESSING

*THE SENDING HYMN "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Toccata all' Offertorio" (Zipoli)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Anderson & Janet Sullivan in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after early service.

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.

CONGREGATION MEETING will be held today with elections immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. All confirmed members should plan to attend. Notices were sent last Thursday.

A "CINCO DE MAYO" CHURCH POTLUCK is today immediately after the Congregation Meeting.

*** SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE *** starting May 26 and ending July 28, MLC will have a single Sunday morning Service of Worship at 9:30 a.m. with fellowship after the service. Messiah's Choir and Adult Sunday School groups will meet at 8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE UPDATE Wednesday Night Dinners, Cherub and Seraph Choirs have concluded for the academic year.

BLESSING BASKETS for MLC's five high school 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 19 before the 8:30 a.m. service.

MESSIAH ARTREACH WORKSHOP is Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sympathy and Thank You themed cards will be made for Outreach. The make and take-home card(s) will feature painted and stamped cards for all occasions. All supplies provided. All Ages Welcome.

COME, VOLUNTEER FOR MUSIC CAMP 2024 Both adults and older youth are needed. Please see the *MLC E-Messenger* for information and a link to the Music Camp online volunteer form.

Registration continues for Music Camp! we currently have 25 campers registered for the June 3 - June 9 camp with plenty of room for more happy campers. Camp details and registration links can be found at www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org Questions? Contact the church office.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 4 oz. Bars of Soap FOOD PANTRY - Shampoo/Deodorant

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Greyson Pitchko (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		Jude Williams (11:00)
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Lector</u>	Tim Pitchko (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Martin Campbell (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Glen Long, Mark Winge (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Paul Arnold, (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker	<u>Cantor</u>	Martin Campbell
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Glen Long (8:30)
			Claire, Davis, Bob Davis (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Beverly Berry

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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Pastor's Office Hours are M-W

MLC staff will never directly solicit you for funds.

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, May 5

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages

9:45 a.m. - Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

12:00 p.m. - Congregation Meeting with Elections - Sanctuary and Cinco De Mayo Potluck-Parish Hall

5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Group

6:30 p.m. - Notabella

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

7:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

5:00 p.m. - Confirmation

7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

Thursday, May 9

6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

Saturday, May 11

12:00 p.m. - MOES Gather & Make Mother's Day Cards

Sunday, May 12 - Happy Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: *Now the Feast* w/the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. - *Service of Worship: *Now the Feast* w/the Lord's Supper

6:30 p.m. - Notabella

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

LOOKING AHEAD

May 13 - Women's Book & Social Club @ Pastor Kris' home

May 18 - Messiah Artreach Workshop

May 19 - Sunday School (Pre-K to Gr. 12) last day, Pentecost Sunday, Affirmation of Baptism, and Graduate Blessings / Basket Presentations

May 26 - Summer Sunday Worship Schedule starts

June 3 - 9 - Messiah Music Camp Week with Presentation of "Say What?"

June 11 - 15 - Disaster Relief Mission Trip

June 17 - 20 - Vacation Bible School "Waves of Gratitude" @ St. Matthews Episcopal

Attendance:

April 21- Online - 70 April 28 - 8:30 a.m. - 96, 11:00 a.m. - 69

Offerings Counted April 30, 2024

Online Giving

