

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Vision: "Messiah seeks to grow as a congregation of the ELCA called by Christ, gathered by the gospel, and sent by the Holy Spirit into our communities to share and celebrate God's compassion and love."

SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Pastor, Tom Pederson
Pianist, Sheryl Virgil

Secretary & Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday, 9a.m.-12p.m.

We welcome all friends and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament, and that all baptized Christians are welcome at God's table. Please come forward to the altar to receive the sacrament. Non-communicating children receive a blessing from the pastor. White grape juice is available in an individual tray.

Infants and small children are welcome at worship, or the nursery is available for children kindergarten age and under. If you need the nursery for your child, please speak with an usher.

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW #707 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”**

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Psalm: Psalm 148

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD¹ from the heavens;
praise God¹ in the heights.
²**Praise the LORD,¹ all you angels;
sing praise, all you¹ hosts of heaven.**
³Praise the LORD,¹ sun and moon;
sing praise, all you¹ shining stars.
⁴**Praise the LORD, heav-¹ en of heavens,
and you waters a-¹ bove the heavens.**
⁵Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they¹ were created,
⁶**who made them stand fast forev-¹ er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not¹ pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD¹ from the earth,
 you sea monsters¹ and all deeps;
⁸**fire and hail,¹ snow and fog,**
tempestuous wind, do-¹ing God's will;
⁹mountains¹ and all hills,
 fruit trees¹ and all cedars;
¹⁰**wild beasts¹ and all cattle,**
creeping things and¹ flying birds;
¹¹sovereigns of the earth¹ and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers¹ of the world;
¹²**young¹ men and maidens,**
old and¹ young together.
¹³Let them praise the name¹ of the LORD,
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over¹ earth and heaven.
¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all¹ faithful servants,**
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD.¹ Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “ He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord

He is Risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Every knee shall bow

Every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord

Gospel: John 13:31-35

The Good News according to John, the 13th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 13:31-35**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “A Fatal Flaw“

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW #505 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Each petition ends with: God, in your mercy, *The congregation responds with:* **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Living God,

You gather together the wolf and the lamb to feed together

In your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body,

That we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION:**

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 OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

***PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

***HOLY, HOLY:**

Holy, holy

Holy, holy

Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

And we lift our hearts before You

as a token of our love

Holy, Holy, Holy Holy

Gracious Father, Gracious Father

We're so blest to be your Children Gracious Father

And we lift our heads before you

as a token of your love

Gracious Father, Gracious Father

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

LET US BREAK BREAD ELW #471 VS. 1-3

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES
LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES
WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES, WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,
O LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

LET US DRINK WINE TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES
LET US DRINK WINE TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES
WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES, WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,
O LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES
LET US PRAISE GOD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES
WHEN I FALL ON MY KNEES, WITH MY FACE TO THE RISING SUN,
O LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

God, the Author of of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, bless you now and forever.

Three-Fold Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** ELW # 439 *"Soon and Very Soon"*

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.