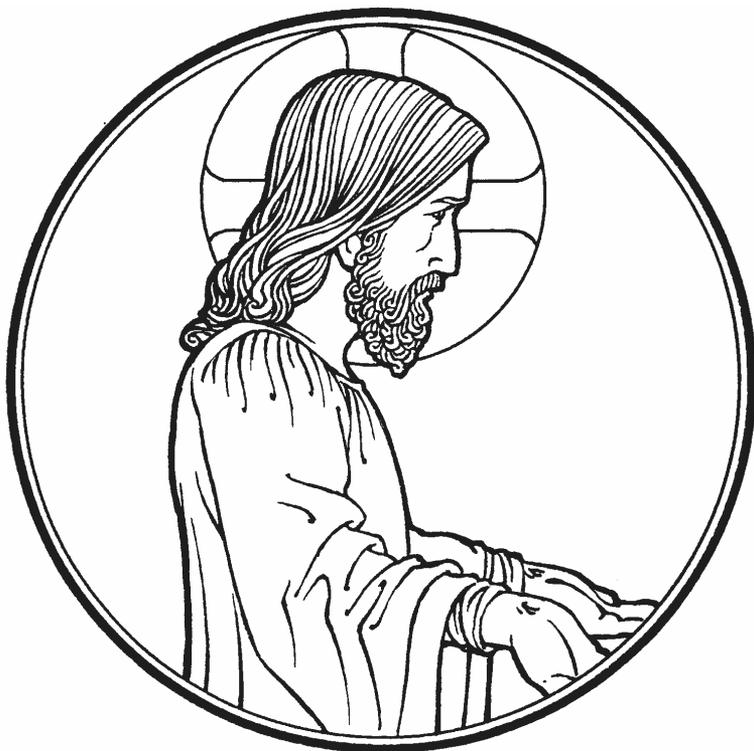


**Messiah Lutheran Church—  
Missouri Synod**



**Quasimodo Geniti-  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 2015  
Divine Service II**

*John 20:19* "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."" The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

# Messiah Lutheran Church

Rev. James A. Roemke, Pastor  
2026 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Kenosha, WI 53140  
Church Office: 262-551-8182 Pastor's Cell: 262-455-0255  
Website: [www.messiahkenosha.org](http://www.messiahkenosha.org)  
Email: [secretary@messiahkenosha.org](mailto:secretary@messiahkenosha.org)  
Christ Lutheran Academy: 262-697-6044

**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER:** During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Preacher/Celebrant:** Pr. Roemke

**Elder:** Scott Tobalsky

**Ushers:** Tyler Nehls & Austin Nehls

**Greeter:** Marge Harmon

**Organist:** Heather Weber

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Griepentrog & Kathy Capriotti

Stand

**Invocation**

p167

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

*Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a*



Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,\*

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

**Sing aloud to | God our strength;\***

**shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!**

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;\*

I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

**I am the | LORD your God,\***

**who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;\*

and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,\*

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

**Kyrie**

p168

**This is the Feast**

p171

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



**A** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

<sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a C-clef and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia and Verse. The second staff begins with a G-clef and contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) with a C-clef. It contains the melody for the Holy Gospel. The lyrics are written below the notes.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.”

But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

LSB 471

### Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

p174

### Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

### Offertory-New Testament Canticle



**G** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



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



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*  
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia.

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

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

<b>Preface</b>	<i>p177</i>
<b>Sanctus</b>	<i>p178</i>
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>The Words of Our Lord</b>	<i>p179</i>
<b>Proclamation of Christ</b>	
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>Pax Domini</b>	<i>p180</i>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	
<i>Sit</i>	
<b>Distribution</b>	
<i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i>	<i>LSB 467</i>
<i>This Joyful Eastertide</i>	<i>LSB 482</i>
<i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	<i>LSB 660</i>

Stand

**Thank the Lord**  
**Post-Communion Collect**  
**Benediction**

p181

p183

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

LSB 603

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ✘ Those who serve in our nation’s armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Andy Warren, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki, Lillian Sciortino, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For our adopted seminarian, Jacob Eichers, whom the Women’s Bible Study is supporting.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff’s aunt), Terri Nichols, Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Ron Hulke, Mike Gundlach (cousin of Sarah Billings), Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Loretta Hulke, and John Wesoloski (friend of the Zuehls).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2015+**

- ✘ **MEETING REMINDER:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet this Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- ✘ **LWML SPRING RALLY** is Saturday, 4/18 at 9:00am at Trinity in Racine. For more details, see the poster outside the church office.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord’s Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,268
Lord’s Work Received 4/5:	\$4,978
Difference Received vs. Needed:	\$1,710
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	\$482

**ATTENDANCE** 4/5: 166

Communed: 108

**BIRTHDAYS**

4/12 Rick Zuehls  
 4/15 Marilyn Dissen  
 4/16 Bob Hagerman

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

4/12 Olivia DelFrate  
 4/14 Jeff Zuehls  
 4/15 Thomas Kochman  
 4/17 Chuck Leisten  
 4/18 Michael Brothers

No anniversaries this week.