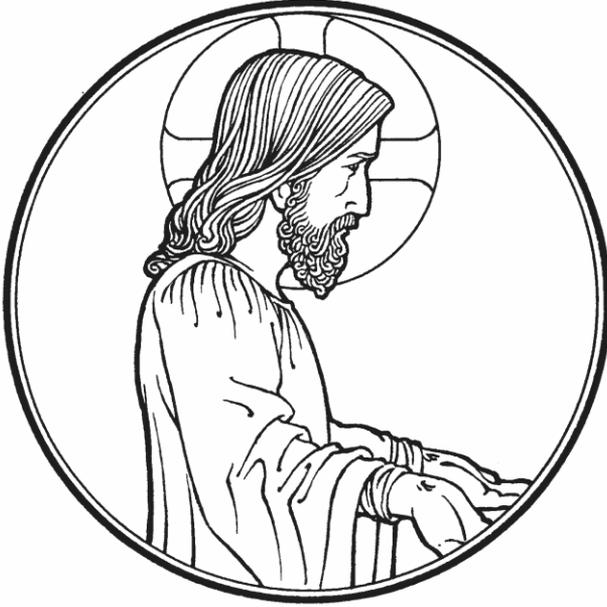


**Messiah Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod**



**Quasimodo Geniti-
The Second Sunday after
Easter
April 3, 2016**

John 20:19 *“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.” Fear is the opposite of faith, that is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful to us. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up: we have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.*

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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: Don Moe **Ushers:** Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

Greeter: Gail Kulbacki **Organist:** Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Marilyn Dissen & Diana Dissen

Cookies: Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Colombe and Snodgrass families.

Stand

Invocation

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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

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This is the Feast

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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

¹The 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. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And 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.”

⁷So 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. ⁸And 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. ⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And 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.

Amazing Grace

LSB 744 v.1-2

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

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

⁶This 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. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

⁹If 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.

¹⁰Whoever 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?



Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On 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.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 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.”

²⁶Eight 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.” ²⁷Then 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.” 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 believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

O Sons and Daughters of the King

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

We Have Seen the Risen Lord

MLC Choir

Stand

Offertory-New Testament Canticle

Refrain

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. 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, & Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For the family of Doris Hagen, who mourn her loss.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Richard Cleereman, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Ruthie, Amy, Ron Hulke, Loretta Hulke, Kyle Darling (friend of the Zuehls), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Maurissa Murakami (Bev Murakami's daughter-in-law), Rose Murakami (Bev's granddaughter), Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Leslie Brothers, Carol Vescova, Chuck Brothers, John Hernandez, and Amy Young (Pastor's sister).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2016+

- ✘ **KINGFISH OUTING:** We are organizing a group outing this summer to go to a Kenosha Kingfish baseball game. Mark your calendars now; the game is Sunday, July 24th at 1:05 pm. Tickets are \$11 a person and come with a complimentary Kingfish baseball cap. That's a really good deal! Lesa would like to get a rough count of how many might be interested in tickets. If your family would be interested in going, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall. *You are not committing to purchasing tickets; merely saying that you would be interested.* There will be another sign-up sheet when the time gets closer for those who definitely want to buy tickets. We just need to get an idea of how many to reserve. So please sign up if you think your family would enjoy a night out at Simmons Field with friends from Messiah.
- ✘ **ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE:** The Altar Guild will be holding a bake sale on Tuesday, April 5th. If you would like to donate some baked items, please sign up in the fellowship hall. We would like items to be dropped off Monday from 6:00-7:30 pm, or early Tuesday morning if they don't need to be individually wrapped. Funds raised will go towards purchasing additional altar linens and banners. Please see Bonnie Griepentrog or Kate Tobalsky with questions.
- ✘ **DOOR GREETERS NEEDED:** We are in need of door greeters. Door greeters simply arrive about 15 minutes early and greet people as they walk in the door. If you would like to help serve our congregation in this way, please let Lesa know.

✘ **DONATIONS NEEDED:** The following items are being collected for Bethesda Lutheran Communities: soft toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, shampoo, bar soap, hand and body lotion, religious DVDs, and religious musical CDs. Donations can be brought to Messiah before Wednesday, April 6th and placed in the container under the mailboxes. Thank you.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 3/27-4/2:	\$5,646
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+\$2,062
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+\$7,633

ATTENDANCE 3/27: 187

Communed: 142

BIRTHDAYS

4/4 Mark Bernhardt
Ryan Stephans
4/5 Chuck Leisten
4/8 Jacob Kentala

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4/8 Allison Stephans