

Messiah Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



Misericordias Domini-
The Third Sunday of Easter
+ With the Rite of First Communion +
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Divine Service II

Messiah Lutheran Church

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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: Pastor Roemke

Elder: Brent Jiter

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Noah Jiter

Greeter: Liz Schultz

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog, Kris Kochman, & Doris Colombe

Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Mike & Debbie Snodgrass in honor of Bill & Doris Colombe's 65th wedding anniversary.

Cake: Today's cake is provided by the Altar Guild in celebration of First Communion.

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. 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: Ps. 33:5b, 6a



The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle- | luia.

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous!*

Praise befits the | upright.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him,*

on those who hope in his | steadfast love,

that he may deliver their | soul from death*

and keep them alive in | famine.

Our soul waits | for the LORD;*

he is our help | and our shield.

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.

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alle- | luia.*

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. 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.



C And al - so with you.

righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

Sit

+FIRST COMMUNION PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION+

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

P You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that you are a sinner?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Parents and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C **We will, with the help of God.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Loving Shepherd of the Sheep

MLC Youth Choir

Stand



Offertory-New Testament Canticle

Refrain



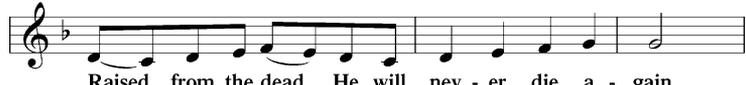
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



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.

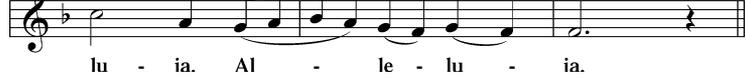


Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain



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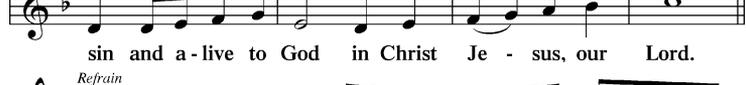
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Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

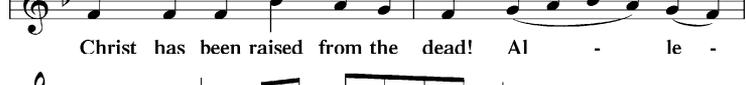


lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

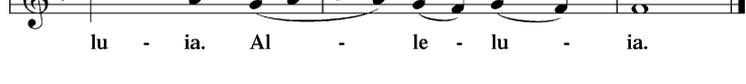


sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



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+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, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, and Wally Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Carol Hernandez, Jason Stephans, Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Lorraine Swift, Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle), Kathy Shafer, Jenny (Vicky Nelson's aunt), Katy Billings, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), and Gloria Pipkorn (recovering from surgery).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2017+

- ✘ **BIBLE STUDY:** Today and next Sunday, the adult, high school, and jr. high Bible classes will all meet together in the fellowship hall for the movie, "Is Genesis History?" This is especially appropriate after our Lenten focus on the days of Creation.
- ✘ **KINGFISH OUTING:** We have obtained group tickets for another Kingfish game this year. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 4th at 1:10 pm. Tickets will be \$11 and will include a free Kingfish cap. Payments are due Sunday, May 14th and tickets will be distributed on Sunday, May 21st. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway if you want to buy tickets. See Lesa with any questions or to submit a payment.
- ✘ **CARDS:** Mother's Day cards are now out today. Father's Day, Graduation, and many new cards will be coming in the next few weeks. Please check the card table if you are in need of a card. \$2.00 for card and envelope. All proceeds go to supplying coffee, cups, etc. for fellowship! Thanks for helping us support the kitchen supplies!

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 4/23-4/29:	\$3,171
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-778
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+274

ATTENDANCE 4/23: 128

Communed: 104

BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Paul Hegland
Allen Swift

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

4/30 Dorothy McConville
5/1 Austin Nehls
5/3 Cara Zietz
5/5 Hope Kentala