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Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
(April 25th, 2021)

"The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us here or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. Thank you."

† DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR †

Greeting and announcements

Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation

Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Confession and Absolution

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Psalm

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.

Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

p This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

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

C Glory 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Kids Talk (10:30am)

Sermon Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
 Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
 God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
 When contending death and life, Alleluia!
 Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
 All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Sermon "Resurrection DNA: *Boldness*"

Offering Hymn "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

LSB 488

- 1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!
 Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
 The gates of heav'n are open.
 My Jesus did triumphant die,
 And Satan's arrows broken lie,
 Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
 O hear what cheer!
 Christ victorious,
 Rising glorious,
 Life is giving.
 He was dead but now is living!

Prayer of the Church

† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

Preface

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- P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
 P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
 P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us

when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

P 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

P 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

P 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus

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P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

LSB 466 v. 1-4

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain

ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain
- 3 The angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” Refrain
- 4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain

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Do You Know? Take the test! (Answers on the back)

1. Who are Messiah's full time teachers?

Pre-School (2)

Kindergarten -

1st & 2nd -

3rd & 4th -

5th & 6th Homeroom -

7th & 8th Homeroom -

Primary Grade Aide -

Math -

Computer -

Spanish -

Music -

World View/Bible History/Christianity -

2. Who are volunteers?

Co-ed Volleyball -

Basketball, Girls, Boys -

Archery -

Athletic Director -

Art Heritage -

Girls on The Run-

3. How are 5-8 grades subjects departmentalized?

4. Who has accepted the Call from Messiah to take the Principal/Teacher position starting 2021/2022 school year?

Thank you, Lord, for Messiah Church and School and all the people who do your work here in this place. Amen

1.Full Time Teachers

Pre School - Erin Ratliff, Layla Stone

K - Karen Skoog

1&2 - Heather Anderson

3&4 - Dan Shield

5&6 - Karen Mead

7&8 - Letha Wallace

Primary Aide - Crystal Schultz

Math - Paul Yutzy

Computer Science - Layla Stone

Spanish - Cheryl Stearns

Music - Dona Ramsey

World View/Bible History - Scott Mauser -(5-8);

Pastor Redeker -(7-8), Pre-4th - Teachers

2.Volunteers

Volleyball -Cheyenne Diaz, Letha Wallace

B.B - Steve Dady, Mike Hiron, Letha Wallace

Archery - Corky Miller

Athletic Dir. - Dan Shield

Art Heritage - Marlana and Joe Deidrich, Sylvia Knight,
Cheyenne Diaz, Amber Warren

Girls On the Run - Karen Mead, Kjersten Hill, Angel Atencio,
Marlana Diedrich

3.Departmentalization

Miss Mead- Social Studies, Lit., Grammar/Writing

Miss Wallace - Science, Math, P.E.

4. Principal/Teacher Position

Karen Mead

**The Worship Service Sunday Morning
April 25th, 2021**

Preacher	Rev. Joshua Schmidt	
Liturgist	Rev. Michael Redeker	
Elders	Ray Seeley, Boyd Arnold	8:00am
	John McDowell, Billy Diaz	10:30am
Organist	Marilyn Smith	
Acolyte	Adryanna Altenber, Aveleen walsh	8:00am
	Brielle Krizman, Aaliyah Atencio	10:30am
Ushers	Doug Haynes, Paul Yutzzy	8:00am
	Eric Skoog, Jeremy Skoog	10:30am

YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

You should woke us up. One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early. Parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and seated. "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit!" You took my place." The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out. "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye. "I took your place."

When you receive this, say a prayer that's all.... This Easter Season let's remember, "Who took our place."

-From Alida

Announcements April 25th, 2021

CALL COMMITTEE: We will have a congregational meeting May 2nd after the 10:30am service to consider extending a call to a new 7th/8th grade teacher.

JUBILEE SUNDAY: In Leviticus Chapter 25, our Bible class learned that It must have taken *courage* and *faith* to completely trust in God to provide for His people for *two* entire *years* back-to-back!!! And, God continues to provide for us today.

Part of "Jubilee" was returning things) back to their original owners. So, you are invited, to join us in joyously returning gifts back to God with a special gift offering on "Jubilee Sunday," May 2nd.

KITCHEN: THANK YOU to all the ladies who helped put our kitchen & pantry back together after our new kitchen cabinets were installed. Come take a look at your new church kitchen cabinets, they are beautiful. It was a labor of love by many ladies who washed lots of dishes, glassware, cups, pots & pans, silverware, etc..

GOD IS GOOD and always provides help when we need it.

RESURRECTION WORKSHOP: Our Sermon Series and Bible Study Series *collide* on **May 8th from 9:00AM-Noon**. Jason Jones will be here to discuss how part of our Resurrection DNA: is to prepare for future generations and consider legacy giving. Our LCMS Foundation Consultant will be leading us through-out the day as

Pastor Redeker opens; Pat Walsh from Brown's Funeral Services gives a few tips; and Brad Wright from Wright Legal Services closes with Q & A to follow.

Registration is open now!

<https://form.jotform.com/210975906225156>

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will continue throughout the summer in the multipurpose room.

KIDS TALK: Need someone to help fill in for Kids Talk during the summer. If you are interested please contact Crystal Schultz at 970-201-5927.

THE PREGNANCY CENTER: Will be having a fundraiser and fun day on May 15th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. It will be at Sherwood Park, 1301 East Sherwood Drive. Registration is free. For more information please contact The Pregnancy Center at 970-241-7474 or e-mail info@pregnancy-center.org.

THE PREGNANCY CENTER: Has just announced that they are in the process of selling their current building and purchasing a new one. They anticipate enough room in the new building to bring in medical services such as ultrasound and free testing for sexually transmitted infections. This is a huge undertaking. They are asking for community support whether it be prayer or financial, and they express their sincere thanks for past support.

GODSPEED LETHA: IT is a bittersweet moment for Messiah as we announce that Ms. Letha Wallace has *accepted* her call to serve as a teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont,

Nebraska. We have treasured her time here with us and God has used it to train her well in preparation for His plan for her next. **Her sending service will be May 30th at 8:00am.**

SHARE US WITH YOUR FRIENDS:

Lutheran Church and School of Messiah cards are available in the Narthex for anyone to use. They have a QR code that is linked to the church website. They are a great way to let people in our community know about our church and school.

GREETER- GETTING BACK TO NORMAL! AT LEAST TRYING TO.

Want to get to know your Messiah family, sign up to be a greeter. The "NEW" sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the Communion Help signup sheet. We need greeters for May 2021.

GIFT PLANNING: Why do you need an estate plan, and a plan for distributing gifts through that plan? God has blessed you with relationships, with family or other loved ones, and with a connection to ministries you support today. Putting your plan together will continue that act of love toward those with whom you have been related throughout your earthly life, continually reminding them of their life in Jesus. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you think about these relationships with which you have been blest. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: John 10:14 - "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does

it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord. He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him. In knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS- Thrivent members do not forget to direct your Choice Dollars® to the church general fund or to the school scholarship fund. You have two easy options to direct your Choice Dollars: Online at www.thrivent.com or by calling 800-847-4836

MESSIAH'S RADIO MINISTRY-Sunday mornings at 8:30am -9:00am on 1100AM/KNZZ radio station. If you would like to be a sponsor for this ministry contact the church office, 970-245-2838. This is followed by Lutheran Hour at 9:00am.

Week of April 15-21	\$11,789.70
Weekly need	\$22,917.69
Month to date	\$78,895.60
Monthly need	\$83,451.37

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion
Monday	9:15am	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Faculty Meeting
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Senior High
Wednesday	8:00am	Weekly Bulletin Announcement deadline
	8:30am	School Chapel
	11:00am	Wednesday Bible Class/Isaiah/Zoom
	6:00pm	Wednesday night service/Communion
Thursday	6:30pm	Online Bible Study
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	-----	Pastor Schmidt's Day Off
Saturday	-----	
Sunday	8:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Divine Service/Communion

Please remember to let the office know of any changes of individuals that you have placed on the Prayer List