



“Preaching and teaching the truth to His expanding kingdom, reaching out to all!”

## Lutheran Church and School of Messiah

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Fifth Sunday in Lent  
(April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022)

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us 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 THREE †

Greeting and announcements

Sharing of God's Peace

Opening Hymn Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 126; antiphon: v. 3*

### Psalm

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.  
<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!  
<sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!  
<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.  
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  
<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

### Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 20:9-20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.  
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone?’

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20c</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen

### Children's Message

Sermon Hymn My Song Is Love Unknown #430 VV 1,3,4,5,7

Sermon God brings waters in the desert Psalm 126:4

### Offertory

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### Offering

### Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

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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.

### Benedicamus

P 202

P Bless we the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

P 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less #576**

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**The Worship Service Sunday Morning  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**Preacher** Rev. Michael Redeker  
**Organist** Richard Scott  
**Acolyte** Georgiana “GG” Ammon  
**Elders** Peter Chaney, John O’Connor  
**Ushers** Otto Ratz, Dale Ryden, Wade Schultz, Ken Curey  
**Greeters** June Johnson, Beth Weber  
**Videographer** Chris Hayes

## Calendar for the Week of April 4, 2022

Sunday	8:00am	Neal Kaspar - choir
	9:00am	Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study-Revelation/Sunday School/Facebook Live
Monday	1:30pm	Office Staff Meeting
	3:15pm	School Staff Meeting
	5:30pm	BOPE
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilt Ladies/Fellowship Hall
	1:00pm	Ruth Circle
	5:00pm	Taco Tuesday - Youth
	7:00pm	Compassionate Friends (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</b>
	9:30am	Wednesday Bible Class/Leviticus/Zoom
	5:15pm	Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Lenten svc./"It's About The Cross" school Easter pageant
Thursday	10:30am	Bible Study - Lynn Jolley (Library)
	6:30pm	Handbells
	6:30pm	Pastor Redeker's Online Bible Class-Leviticus
Friday	-----	Pastor Redeker's Day Off
	11:30am	Lunch Bunch
Saturday	-----	-----
Sunday		<b>Holy Week Begins</b>
	8:00am	Neal Kaspar - choir
	9:00am	Divine Service/Communion/Facebook Live
	10:30am	Bible Study-Revelation/Sunday School/Facebook Live

## Announcements

**YARD SALE** - Spring is here! While you are doing your Spring sorting/purging and cleaning, put out a box to collect things for our annual yard sale. You can begin bringing your items in to the gym on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sale will be July 14-16.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP** - is happening next week! Please share this post with your friends who have students in Pre-K!

It's time to sign up you Pre-K student to come and visit Kindergarten! Students get to spend their morning having Jesus time and doing alphabet activities, math and more (even gym time and recess)! To have your child participate please call the school office ASAP! 970-245-2838. You can choose between Tuesday, April 5 or Thursday, April 7.

On the day you choose, drop your child off at the Kindergarten room at \*:00 am and pick them up from the west entryway at 11:00 am. (Snack is provided

**BIKE-A-THON** *A Preschool Fundraiser for Unit (Theme) & Religious Curriculum Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 am in our parking lot. **How can YOU help?** Please consider donating to our only fundraiser of the year! Any amount helps! Donations will be matched 100%! When donating, specify "Preschool Fundraiser"*

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM-** We are once again fundraising to add monies for our Scholarship Program. If you would like to donate, please write "scholarship" on the memo line on paper or online check. Thank you!

**SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED FOR THE NEXT YEAR** - We are in need of a Spanish teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. If you know of a Christian who would be able to teach 10 hours a week in the afternoons, please have them contact Karen Mead. Please keep your ear to the ground and help us discover who God has set aside for us.

### March Income-

Week of March 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$17,764.90
Weekly need	\$20,411.00
Month to date	\$85,682.68
Monthly need	\$81,642.00

**COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS** needed for 2022! Please consider serving our Lord and your church by volunteering to help with communion. Sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board. If you need to be trained or have questions, please contact Laura Ryden at (970) 260-6766.

**PRAYER REQUESTS-** *"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you," (Matt. 6:6).* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to Beth Weber at [weber4342@acsol.net](mailto:weber4342@acsol.net).

**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](http://www.thrivent.com) or by calling 800-847-4836

**THRIVENT CARDS- THANK YOU** to those who donated! Soup Suppers are taken care of.

- April 6<sup>th</sup> - Church Camp

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

**OUR CHURCH IS DOING A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!** - We want everyone to get a new picture taken so that our new directory will be complete. IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! You can make your appointment at church (times are very limited) by contacting Beth Weber in church office (970) 245-2838 or come in to schedule your picture in person. Also greeters are needed from 1:00pm - 8:30pm on Monday, April 25 and 1:00pm - 8:30pm on Tuesday, April 26. Come before your scheduled picture time and stay an hour following you picture was taken. See Beth Weber to volunteer.

**The Grape Vine Bible study** - We are moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month @7:15pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is a small group Bible study with prayer and music. We will be using the book "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning. You may want to purchase it. All are WELCOME!

**SUMMER PLANS CALENDAR** - As you are making your summer plans, please keep these events in mind:

**LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION, JUNE 3-5, ALBUQUERQUE, NM**  
**VBS JUNE 13-17**  
**YARD SALE SET-UP, JUNE 27 - JULY 13**

**YARD SALE, JULY 14-16**

**HERMENEUTICS FOR THE PARISH (Getting the Most out of Your Bible Study) WORKSHOP, AUGUST 11-13**

## The 5th Sunday in Lent

### Psalm 126:4



### God Brings Waters In The Desert

One of the amazing things my wife and I have witnessed when we moved to the Western Slope is how the desert “works.” There’s heat—LOTS of heat. The canyons are dry. There’s no water. Yet, in late summer the rains come and rejuvenate the canyons. That’s just the way it “works.”

The winter snows melt. The water flows. New life is brought into the desert. That’s just the way it “works.”

Are you in a desert period of your life? Do you know someone who is?

Psalm 126 reflects on the past blessings from God. He’s worked in the past. How has God worked in your past?

We wait for the Day when Jesus returns to bring us from this desert to His place of Paradise. Until then, you are not alone. How can Christ’s suffering and death during the desert times of your life bring refreshment?

Jesus came into this desert of sin, pain, shame, and death. He climbed the hot, parched rock of Calvary for you and your sins. He cried out, “I thirst” for you.