

10:30 AM



*Dear Friends,*

*Welcome*

Welcome to our parish community!

We are thrilled to have you with us. Your presence at Messiah Church is a true treasure and we open our hearts to you with a deep sense of hospitality. We hope that you will make yourself at home. Please get involved in whatever catches your attention and imagination. Even more so, please share with us whatever gift and talent that you bring to Messiah. Please fill out the Welcome Card found in the pew pocket if you would like to be contacted by me or by the office. May you and your loved ones know the rich blessings of our loving God.

*Pastor Jeff Vanden Heuvel*

### **NURSERY CARE**

Is available Sunday from 8:00 - 9:20 AM and 10:15 - 11:35 AM  
Ages 6 weeks- 6 years old, downstairs Nursery.  
Secure sign-in, parent pagers available

**Third Sunday of Easter + April 21, 2024**



# Sunday 10:30 Worship Service

## OPENING HYMN

ELW Red Book #532

*Gather Us In*

## GREETING

## KYRIE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor:* Let us pray...

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

  
 Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
*Lord Lord have mercy.*

  
 Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
*Lord Lord have mercy.*

  
 Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
*Christ Christ have mercy.*

  
 Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.  
*Christ Christ have mercy.*

  
 Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,  
*Lord Lord have mercy.*

  
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*have mercy.*

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

*Reader:* Word of God, word of Life.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 85

*Shepherd Me O God*

Refrain

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -  
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-18, 23-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of God's son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as God has commanded us. All who obey the commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

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Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

W&P 7

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

‡ THE HOMILY ‡

DEACON STEPHANIE ENGEL AND PASTOR DAN O'BRIEN

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW Red Book #471

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*All Respond after each prayer:*

**Hear our prayer.**

**SIGN OF PEACE**

*Greet one another with: **Peace be with you.***

**BERAKAH (Ancient Hebrew Blessing)**

Bread: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation...

Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

Wine: Pastor: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation...

Congregation: **Blessed be God forever.**

**GRATITUDE OF THE OFFERING**

*Pastor:* Let us pray. Merciful God...

*Congregation:* **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, our life and our breath, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Sung by All*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Grape juice is available on the trays in the central cups.  
Gluten-free wafers are available in the gold container on the stand between the bread distributors.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Rain Down*

REFRAIN

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

love on your peo - ple. love, God of life. \_\_\_\_\_

VERSES

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our \_ God. All of God's  
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our \_ God live in the  
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your \_ truth; you are the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the  
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from  
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

to Refrain

1. just and the \_ right; full of God's love is the earth.  
2. dark - ness and \_ death; God will not leave us to starve.  
3. peace touch our \_ hearts, all of our hopelies in you.

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**COMMUNION HYMN**

ELW Red Book #801

*Change My Heart, O God*

**BLESSING**

*Congregation:*       **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

W&P Purple Book #15

*Be Bold, Be Strong*

**DISMISSAL**

*Pastor:*               Go in peace, serve the Lord.

*Congregation:*   **Thanks be to God!**

**Worship Assistants**

**Altar Ministry**.....Carla Fears  
**Coffee**.....Dawn Olson  
**Greeter**.....Barbara Herrod, Carla Fears  
**Reader**.....Karen Dilley  
**Communion**.....Carla Fears, Gretchen Wahl  
.....Jim Pofahl, Susan Ashley  
**Ushers**.....Lee Nelson, Michael Savides  
.....Ted Savides, Walt Herrod  
**Musician**.....Melissa Vanden Heuvel  
**Vocalists**.....Celebrate Group  
**Streaming**.....Claire Miller

*Flowers Given By*

Robb and Melissa Remiker  
In Honor of Our 18th Wedding Anniversary

**THIS WEEK**



**April 22 - April 28, 2024**

**Monday, April 22**

Pastor Jeff's Day Off  
Prayer Shawl Meeting.....3:00 PM

**Tuesday, April 23**

NewBridge Senior Meal..... 12:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 24**

SAM Potluck and Program..... 12:00 PM

**Thursday, April 25**

Pew Keepers ..... 900 AM  
NewBridge Senior Meal.....12:00 PM

**Friday, April 26**

Pr. Dan's Day Off

**Saturday, April 27**

Women's Retreat .....8:30 AM  
Worship Service .....5:00 PM

**Sunday, April 28**

Worship Service ..... 8:15 AM  
Sacred Circle ..... 9:40 AM  
Worship Service .....10:30 AM

**LOOKING AHEAD**

National Day of Prayer.....May 2  
First Communion.....May 5  
Ladies Lunch Bunch.....May 8  
Dignity Project Workshop.....May 11  
Confirmation.....May 11  
Blood Drive.....May 14  
Boomerang Bag Workshop ..... May 21  
SAM Potluck and Program.....May 29

Counters.....Lou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherty  
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