

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



OPENING HYMN

ELW Red Book #414

Holy God We Praise Your Name

GREETING

KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

Congregation: Amen.



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.



Shepherd Me O God



SECOND READING

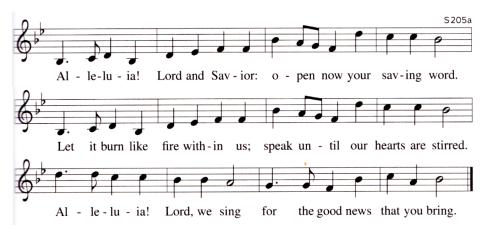
1 John 3:16-18, 23-24

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.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

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

ELW Red Book #629

Abide With Me

BLESSING

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

ELW Red Book #793

Be Thou My Vision

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Worship Assistants

Altar Ministry	The Schmitz/Russell Family
	Pete Wingier
-	Steve & Sandy Tiedt
Reader	Corey Randl
Communion	Dawn Olson, Nancy Wilson
	Steve & Sandy Tiedt
Ushers	Emma Godfrey, Pat Ertel
	Andrew & Olivia Netzloff
Musician	Dean Gardner
Vocalists	Members of Messiah Senior Choir
Streaming	Steve Cheramy

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	2.00 pv4
Prayer Shawl Meeting	3.00 PM
NewBridge Senior Meal	Tuesday, April 23
We SAM Potluck and Program	ednesday, April 24 12:00 PM
Pew Keepers NewBridge Senior Meal	
Pr. Dan's Day Off	Friday, April 26
•	Saturday, April 27

LOOKING AHEAD

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	
CountersLou Ann Kidd, Gayle Daugherity		

Lawn Mowers.....Don Deutscher, Chris Brown

National Day of PrayerMay 2



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