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**We are glad you are worshipping with us!** If you are looking for a church home or if you would like a pastoral visit, let us know by giving your contact info to an usher or the Minister. **Our mission** *Living in God's grace, we reach out to invite & welcome all with God's Love.* **Our welcoming statement** *We welcome people of every age, color, culture and political persuasion, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ. Messiah is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.*

*According to our Mission Action Plan:  
"In all we say and do we ask for God's guidance."*

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter** **May 5, 2024**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is the water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn "I Come with Joy" ELW # 482

1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,

in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,

is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

5 Together met, together bound

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie, p. 147 (please respond in singing)

This is the feast, p. 149

Prayer of the day: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you, joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

### Readings

Acts 10:44-48 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

Psalm 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God's right hand and holy arm have won God victory. The Lord has made known God's victory; God has revealed this vindication in the sight of the nations.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.**

God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for God is coming to judge the earth. God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

1 John 5:1-6 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

Gospel Acclamation, "Alleluia..." p.151

A reading from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 15:9-17 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW # 679

1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Apostle's Creed, p.105

Prayers of Intercession, the response is **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering and Offering Hymn: "We Are an Offering" ELW # 692

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

Offertory Prayer: **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving, p.152

Holy Communion: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!**

The Lord's Prayer, p.154

Lamb of God, p.154

Prayer after communion

Announcements

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *Go Now and Pass It On*

**May the Lord walk beside us,  
As we leave this quiet place,  
For the Lord will always guide us,  
If we walk in the light of his grace.  
May we feel God's love around us,  
As it keeps us faithful and strong,  
For the peace of God surrounds us,  
And now we must pass it on.**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Announcements

- Coffee fellowship is hosted by Cheryl Follis and Gail Jenicek today!
- Heaven's Helping Hands meet after worship today to discuss Veterans Appreciation Picnic.
- On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Marlyce Olson will turn 89 years old. Please think about sending her a card! Her address is: Marlyce Olson

19449 N 83<sup>rd</sup> Drive  
Peoria, AZ 85382

### This Coming Week at Messiah

Today: 10:15 am – Sunday School

Tuesday: 1:30 pm – Bible Study  
5:30 pm – Chosen Bible Study

Wednesday: 9:00 am – Quilting  
6:30 – Choir Practice

Thursday: 1:00 pm – Parkinsons Choir Group

Friday: 1:00 pm – Ukuladies

### Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone

SAM: Kristin Boland

Altar Guild: Wendy Murphy, Marne Belanger

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez      Council President: Tom Mitchell

Usher: Mike Miller

Liturgist: Mary Trettin

Choir Director: Tom Yost, Pianist: Owen Polifka

Zoom Asst: Michelle Lampson

**Thanks for faithful attendance.** April 28, 74 in-house, 9 on Zoom

**Thank you for your generosity!** The April offering totals were \$6140 in the offering plates and \$2825 given electronically

**Prayers for Healing**

Karen Bayliss  
Sarah Garrison  
Merrill Miranowski  
Ken Belanger  
Duane Dehn  
Dave Cook  
Rob Gwinn  
Washburn United Methodist Church  
Daniel Saari  
Barb  
Judy Zovac  
Greg and Allison Gillespie  
Karen Novachek  
Dona Copperud  
Bill Maki  
Northland College Community  
Toni Pedersen  
Mindy Ray  
Mary McCord  
Barbara Swenson

**Requested by**

Darlene Anderson  
Mary Cook  
Bev Dehn  
Marne Belanger  
Bev Dehn  
Lorraine Young  
Ruth Carlson  
Jessica Mitchell  
Bill Luckenbill  
Mary Cook  
Cindi Orley  
Julie Vadnais  
Friends  
Gail Ballinger  
Karen Maki  
Minister Kristin  
Karen Novachek  
Margie Motiff  
Margie Motiff  
Keith Holm

**Prayers for Comfort in grief**

Carol Root  
Terry Nichols  
Joyce Oberdeck  
Leslie

**Requested by**

Kelly Beirl  
Carol Salminen  
Bob & Linda Leis  
Dick & Sandy Olson

**Prayers**

-Comfort and love to all affected by violence  
-Peaceful resolution to the wars in Ukraine and Israel  
-Wilma Lamken is at The Oaks, Viginia Heglund is at Northern Lights