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We are glad you are worshiping 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."*

Third Sunday of Easter **April 14, 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.

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Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" ELW # 377 (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

Chorus

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
give God the glory! Alleluia!*

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center,

5 City of God, Easter forever,

golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,

sing with creation to God the I AM!

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: Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir

Children's Message

Readings

Acts 3:12-19 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

Response: Answer me when I call

² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³ But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.

Response: Answer me when I call

⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin;
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

Response: Answer me when I call

⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.

Response: Answer me when I call

⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Response: Answer me when I call

1 John 3:1-7 God Is Light (printed on the back of the bulletin)

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

A reading from the 24th chapter of Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:36b-48 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "As We Gather of Your Table" ELW # 522

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Welcoming New Members, p. 234

Alysa and Jon Bell, with children Prescott, Joshua, and Declan, Jennifer and Brad Werner, with Kaeden Werner, Kaia Werner, and Malla Latvakoski.

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

All that we are

We lift our hands

All that we hope to be

We lift our lives up to You

We give to You

We are an offering

We give to You

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

We lift our voices

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We lift our hands

We are an offering

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

All that we have

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: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW # 674

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *[Refrain]*

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *[Refrain]*

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

Announcements

Please join us for coffee fellowship downstairs after worship is hosted by Rachel Wyman Dawson today!

Things happening TODAY: There is a communion class at 10:15 am, all are welcome. Messiah's Local Food/Home Grown/Wild Game Dinner takes place in the church basement from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

On May 11th, Marlyce Olson will turn 89 years old. Please think about sending her a card! Her address is: Marlyce Olson

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Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone

SAM: Kristin Boland

Altar Guild: Kelly Beirl, Gloria Danula

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez

Council President: Tom Mitchell

Usher: Mike Miller

Assistant: Rachel Wyman Dawson

Choir Director: Tom Yost, Pianist: Owen Polifka

Zoom Asst: Michelle Lampson

Thanks for faithful attendance. April 7, 94 in-house, 8 on Zoom

Thank you for your generosity! The March offering totals were \$7208 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
Nancy Jonsson
Washburn United Methodist Church
Daniel Saari
Barb
Judy Zovac
Greg and Allison Gillespie
Karen Novachek
Dona Copperud
Bill Maki
Northland College Community
Toni Pedersen

Requested by

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

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, Virginia Heglund is at Northern Lights