

**MESSIAH**  
**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH**  

**April 7, 2024**  
**8:00 am**



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# Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

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Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully

## PRELUDE


Rose Ann Sochan

## OPENING HYMN


"Thine Is the Glory", #227



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the  
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en, from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He  
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of Life! Life is naught with-




vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet us, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let His church with glad - ness  
out Thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,



Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave-clothes Where Thy  
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth; Death hath  
Through Thy death-less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan With Thy

### Refrain



bod - y lay.  
lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;  
power and love.



End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.

## THE KYRIE



Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



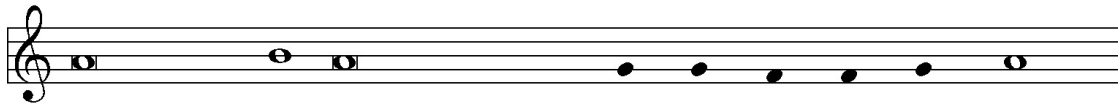
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



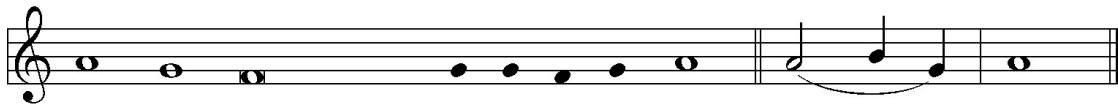
☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

## EMPTY LITANY ADAPTED FROM ISAIAH 45 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord says, 'Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!'

**All: For He is God, and there is no other.**

Leader: Only in the Lord, it shall be said of Him,

**All: are righteousness and strength;**

Leader: to him shall come and be humbled

**All: all who were incensed against him.**

Leader: In the Lord all the offspring of the church

**All: shall be justified and shall glory."**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**All: Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION

Leader: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERING**

Rose Ann Sochan

**OUR RESPONSE**

"Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OUR NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)**

Reader: Beth Hohisel

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## OUR EPISTLE LESSON

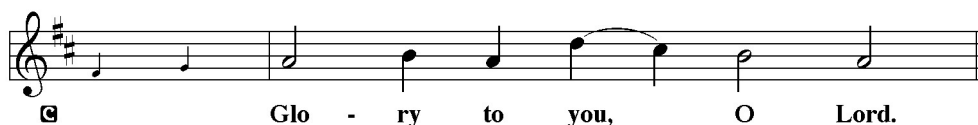
**1 John 1:4-2:2**

<sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## OUR GOSPEL LESSON

**John 20:19-31**

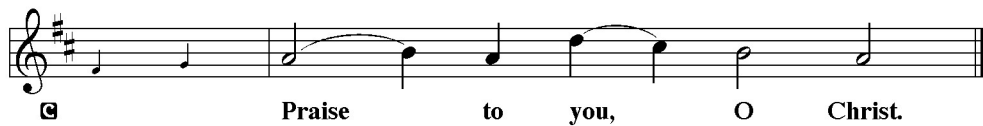


<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

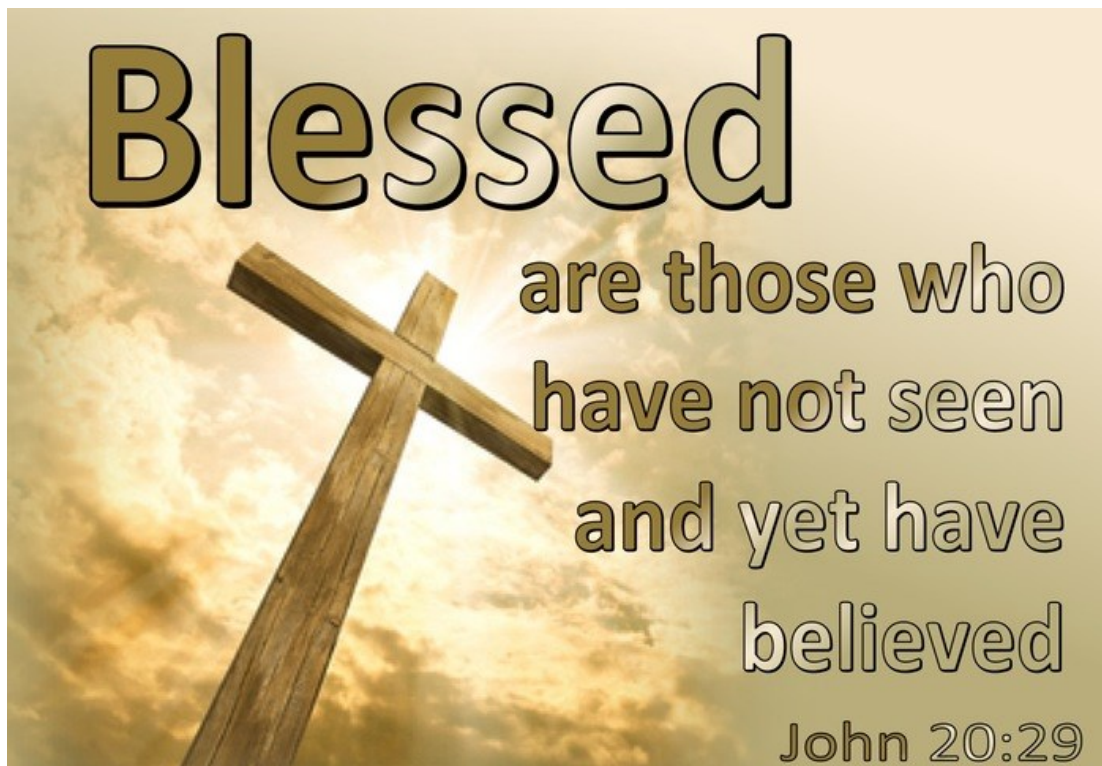
<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



## MESSAGE

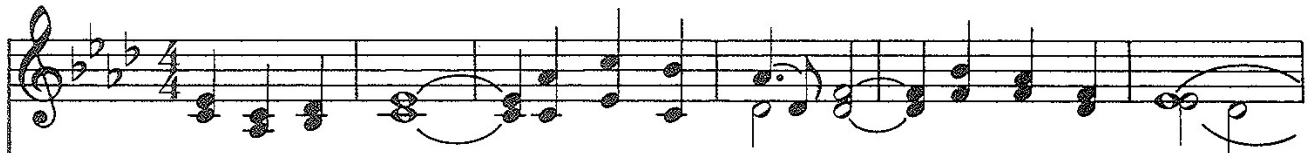
### **"Empty 1: Filled" by Pastor Kurt Hoover**

(Copies of this sermon and others can be found in the Narthex.)



HYMN

"Because He Lives", #213



1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,  
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -



heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my  
 and joy he gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
 - nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

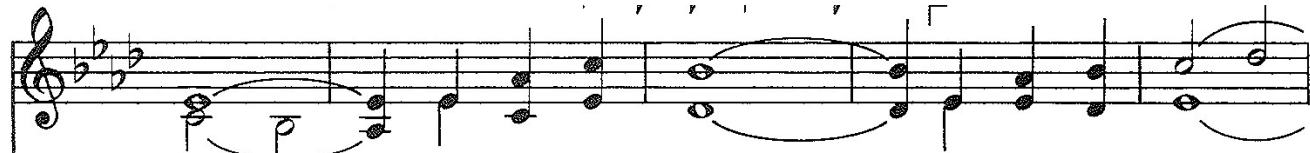


par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.  
 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

*Refrain*



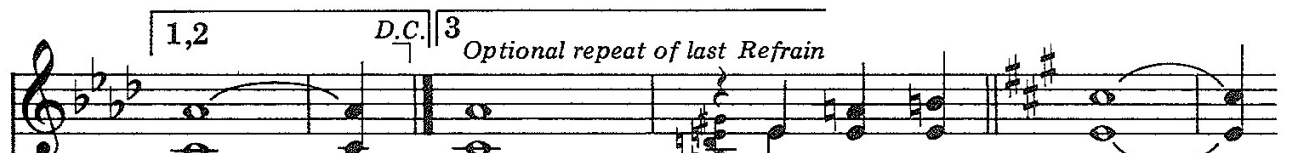
Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He



lives all fear is gone; Be - cause I know



He holds the fu - ture. And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He



lives. lives. Be - cause He lives



## WORDS OF FAITH

## The Apostles' Creed


I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION


### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING




**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.


Leader: It is indeed right and salutary...  
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

All: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Servers: Randy & Laurel Ling

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## HYMN

"Lamb of God"



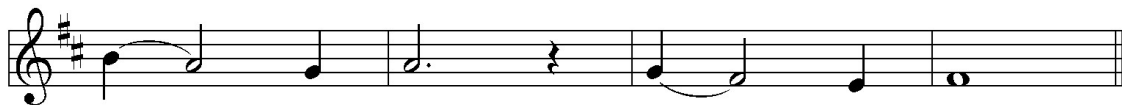
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"Break Thou the Bread of Life", #274

"Revive Us Again", #295

## THE COMMUNION BLESSING & POST COMMUNION HYMN



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns", #234

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne:
2. Crown Him the Lord of love: Be - hold His hands and side—
3. Crown Him the Lord of life: Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Fa - ther known,

Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
Who rose vic - to - rious to the strife For those He came to save.  
One with the Spir - it thru Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died; Be

hail Him as thy match-less King Thru all e - ter - ni - ty.  
down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Thou, O Lord, thru end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied. A - men.

## POSTLUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

*God will never lead you to a place  
where His grace cannot keep you.*

## **CONNECT WITH MESSIAH**

You can use this QR code to let us know you're new, tell us that you're interested in next steps at MLC, submit prayer requests, fill out a Connect Card, and give online. Scan it now to connect with MLC:



## **ONLINE GIVING**

Online giving is an easy way to give to MLC, and there are three ways to do it:

- 1) Go to this link: [churchcenter.com/giving](http://churchcenter.com/giving)
- 2) Download the Church Center app on your phone or tablet.
- 3) Text your dollar amount (with a dollar sign in front of it) to 84321.

## **OPPORTUNITIES - Get Involved**

### **MESSIAH MEN'S MINISTRY (3M)**

Hey guys - Need a break from the hassle of life? Join us as we spend an hour and a half in God's Word. Add your voice to the conversation. No judgment. No anxiety. No stress. Just men enjoying the fellowship of other men in the presence of God. Bring your Bible and your questions/comments and join us every 2nd & 4th Tuesday from 6:30-8pm. Need more information? Contact Mike Brown via email at [evangelism@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:evangelism@mlcjoliet.org).

What guys are saying, "I look forward to going out to hang with the guys."  
- Paul Allen

### **ALTAR FLOWERS - SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX**

Our altar flowers sign up chart is on the Connect Wall in the Narthex (outside the Fireside Room). If you'd like to help beautify our Sanctuary and sponsor altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or to memorialize someone important in your life, please sign up in the Narthex. Arrangements are \$25 each.

### **BLOOD DRIVE AT MESSIAH**

We will have a Blood Drive on **April 21** from 9 am - 1 pm, in the FLC.

Register here:



### **DAYBREAK SHELTER VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to serve dinner at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. The commitment is from 5 - 7 pm on the second Monday of each month. A team of Messiah members & friends meets at the shelter to set up and serve dinner. Sign up in the Narthex.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY LIFE GROUP**

Ladies - Have you heard what a blessing our new Women's Ministry Life Group has been? We'd love to have you join us for fun & fellowship! Please contact Sherri Unyi in the church office if you would like more information.

### **OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Seniors)**

Our OWLS group is for active retirees who enjoy participating in activities such as crafts, listening to speakers, food, fellowship, and more! We hold a monthly luncheon on the second Tuesday in Fellowship Hall, from noon to 2 pm. Our next one is **April 9!** The menu will consist of chicken chunks (donated by Chicken-N-Spice). Please sign up in the Narthex.

### **NAPERVOICE SPRING CONCERT**

Napervoice will present "Wonderful World: Music from Six Continents" on Sunday, **April 21** at 4 pm, at Grace Methodist Church in Naperville. Go to [napervoice.org](http://napervoice.org) to order tickets, or scan the QR code on the Community Board in the Narthex. Please be sure to use Herb Alexander's name so he receives credit for your ticket sale!

### **MEMORY BEARS**

Messiah's Memory Bears Group meets here at the church from 9 am-noon once a month (sometimes twice!) to make stuffed teddy bears out of the clothing of people who have passed away, to comfort the grieving. We would love to have you join us! We have jobs that do not require sewing, as well as jobs that do. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **April 23**. Contact Cindi Souza at (815) 931-8478 or by email to [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net).

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Messiah uses an email-based (not in-person) Prayer Chain made up of people willing to pray for our members, community, and nation in times of crisis. Prayers are shared amongst the group via email, and are confidential and anonymous as much as possible. You can make a difference through the gift of your prayers. Contact Cindi Souza at [regency118@comcast.net](mailto:regency118@comcast.net) or Pastor Dave Stier at [pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:pastor.stier@mlcjoliet.org) to become a partner.

### **FAITH & BODY CHALLENGE GROUP (Thursdays 9 - 10 am)**

The Faith & Body Group meets on Thursdays mornings, September through May, in the Family Life Center (FLC) from 9 – 10 am for walking, stretching and faith-building time. There is no cost, and you are welcome to bring friends! Please register on the Messiah website under Faith & Body. Contact Sherri at (815) 741-4488 or email [bookkeeper@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:bookkeeper@mlcjoliet.org) for more information.

### **MESSIAH QUILTERS**

The Messiah Quilters meet next on Tuesday, **April 16**. Please note that our "bonus day" has been rescheduled (from April 2) to May 7. We will be working from 9 am – 2 pm. We have a lot of quilts ready to complete and if you can tie a knot, you can help us out. We even have jobs you can do sitting down. Think about stopping in and see what we do. If you are unable to join us and would like to sew at home, we have kits available and can show you how easy it is to put a quilt top together.

Contact Kathy Mueller (815) 953-6601 at [scpbklane@aol.com](mailto:scpbklane@aol.com) for more information or any questions you may have. Hope to see you on **April 16!**

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNERS**

Wednesday Night Family Dinners (5:30) will continue through **April 17**.

## **INSIGHT" ADULT BIBLE STUDY (Sundays at 9:30 am)**

Tom Bond and Kenyon Gjerde are currently leading the group in a new study series from "Sermon on the Mount."

## **SING PRAISE LIFE GROUP**

Messiah's newest Life Group, Sing Praise, will meet every-other Saturday, beginning **April 13**, at 6:30 pm in the FLC. Are you passionate about worship and prayer? Are you seeking a community where you can dive deeper into your faith through blended worship experiences? Look no further!

Sing Praise is dedicated to creating a space where individuals can come together to worship in a blended style, combining contemporary and traditional elements to create a dynamic and uplifting atmosphere. Whether you love to sing, play an instrument, or simply want to soak in the presence of God, you'll find a home here. All are welcome, regardless of background or experience level. For more info, reach out to Justin Brown at [worship@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:worship@mlcjoliet.org).

## **MOPS**

Calling all moms from pregnancy onward to join a supportive community of moms! Meetings take place the second and fourth Fridays of every month at 9:30 am. Each meeting has a different topic related to parenting. Childcare is provided! We get to know each other more, watch a video from a MOPS speaker, have a discussion, and end with devotion. Contact Amy at [amy12miller@gmail.com](mailto:amy12miller@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **MESSIAH KIDS**

### **PRE-K THROUGH 5th GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL (Sundays at 9:30 am)**

Make sure to bring your children to Sunday school, upstairs in our youth classrooms, on Sunday mornings.

### **MESSIAH KIDS SUNDAYS AT 11**

We encourage all kids pre-k thru 5th grade to be a part of Messiah Kids' at 11 am after the children's message, in the Family Life Center (FLC). Kids will experience God during this time with weekly themes, songs, short movie clips, games and prizes. All are encouraged to attend.

### **STAY N PLAY (Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30)**

Stay N Play is a weekly playgroup for children five and younger that meets in the Family Life Center (FLC) on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30. This group is open to church members and to the community. Coffee is provided (for the adults, of course!). Parents/caregivers must stay and keep an eye on their children. No registration is needed - We'd love to have you join us!

## **MESSIAH KIDS WEDNESDAYS (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)**

Have your K-5th grader join us for a great time on Wednesday evenings. It's a fun night of worship, lessons, games, crafts, and connection with the Bible and friends! **Our last night is April 17.** Watch for info on our new Summer MKW! Questions? Contact Beth Hohisel [bhohisel@hotmail.com](mailto:bhohisel@hotmail.com) or (815) 735-7897.

## **HEAD TO HEART WORKSHOP FOR 5th GRADE+**

Owning my Faith (5th grade +) Parent(s)/guardian(s) who attend this evening workshop will receive an introduction to MLC's Confirmation Program. The objective of this time is to outline expectations of participation for both parents and students as well as create a parents' network of support by sharing experiences of raising pre-teens in today's world. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, **April 24. Join us for pizza at 6 pm, and the workshop starts at 6:30.** While parents and pastors meet, students get to have fun with the current H2H group as they transition from the H2H program to our awesome summer youth ministry.

More info on our website:



## **MESSIAH STUDENT MINISTRIES**

### **S.A.L.T. (Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 pm)**

S.A.L.T. is a time for high school students to interact with their faith.

### **HEAD2HEART (Wednesdays from 6:15 to 8 pm)**

HEY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! Come join us for nights of instruction and fun as we teach Luther's catechism and play games! Please note that we will be on break for summer - our **final meeting is April 24.**

### **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY (Sundays at 9:30 am)**

HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS! Perhaps you are old enough to start reading fairy tales again? Join us for Sunday Bible Time at 9:30 in classroom 204 upstairs. We will journey into Narnia, get to know the fictional characters, and connect them with the truth of Jesus.

### **SUMMER CAMP AT LITTLE GALILEE**

Summer Camp for high schoolers is June 23-28, and July 7-12 for students entering 6-9th grades this fall. Registration is open, and the cost will increase after June 1.

Register at <https://littlegalilee.org/registration>

or reach out to Kate Richmond for more info at [stumin@mlcjoliet.org](mailto:stumin@mlcjoliet.org).

### **YOUTH CHOIR - IMPORTANT DATES**

This month the Youth Choir will have two rehearsals, April 14 & 21.

We will perform on April 28 at the 9:30 service. Please be sure your choir member wears their choir shirt on performance dates!

Also note that April 28 will be our last performance until we resume in September.

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

### **SUNDAY (April 7)**

8 am Worship  
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,  
Sunday School for All Ages  
11 am Family Praise & Worship,  
Women's Ministry Meeting,  
Messiah Kids  
1 pm Cristo Rey Bilingual Worship

### **MONDAY (April 8)**

n/a

### **TUESDAY (April 9)**

9:30 am Stay-N-Play  
12 pm OWLS

### **WEDNESDAY (April 10)**

5:30 pm Family Dinner  
6:15 pm H2H  
6:30 pm SALT, Messiah Kids

### **THURSDAY (April 11)**

9 am Faith & Body  
10:15 am Prayer Group  
11:30 am Staff Meeting

### **FRIDAY (April 12)**

9 am MOPS

### **SATURDAY (April 13)**

9 am Worship Team Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Sing Praise! Worship

### **SUNDAY (April 14)**

8 am Worship  
9:30 am Worship+Online Worship,  
Sunday School for All Ages  
11 am Family Praise & Worship,  
Messiah Kids  
1 pm Cristo Rey Bilingual Worship

## **STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE**

### **LAST WEEK (Easter):**

8:00 am: 145

9:30 am: 160

11:00 am: 83

Online: 176

MSM (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): n/a

Messiah Kids (K-5<sup>th</sup>): n/a

Insight: n/a

Online counts are estimates only.

## **2024 GIVING**

Operating Budget: \$763,541

YTD Operating Budget: \$190,885

YTD Received: \$149,986

Average Weekly Need: \$14,683

Received last week: \$10,432

## **STEWARDSHIP VERSE OF THE WEEK**

### **Psalm 2:6**

"Now may the Lord show steadfast love  
and faithfulness to you.

And I will do good to you because  
you have done this thing."

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to give the gift of Altar flowers, please call the office  
at 815-741-4488. Arrangements are \$25 each.

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