

Messiah Lutheran Church
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"TO LIVE AND TEACH JESUS' LOVE"



"Growing God's Family through Worship and Service"
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Emporia, Kansas
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11:00 a.m. Sunday

Order of Worship

2nd Sunday of Easter

We Worship Together

As we gather to worship and praise our God in His House, out of respect and reverence to Him, please silence or turn off all cell phones.

Prelude Music

Words of Welcome

(Please Fill out Fellowship Cards and leave them in the basket at the back of the Sanctuary as you leave.)

Prepare Our Hearts for Worship (We take a moment in silence to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)

- † Pray that the stuff of the week will not crowd out your worship
- † Pray that the Holy Spirit will open your heart and mind to receive God
- † Thank God, by name, for those who have witnessed to you by their faithful worship
- † Thank God for all that you receive in worship

Key Verse

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.” (John 20:30-31)

- L We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen!**

The Opening Song

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

I believe in the Son, I believe in the risen One
I believe I overcome, By the power of His blood

CHORUS

Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive
Because He lives, Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

CHORUS

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, Every fear is gone
I know He holds my life my future in His hands

CHORUS

(Twice)

Because He lives
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Confession and Forgiveness

L We come before our God of grace to confess our sins and receive His love and forgiveness in Jesus. (A time for silent confession)

- All** God of grace, we sinned against You in our thoughts, our words and our deeds in ways that we know and don't know. There have been times that we have failed to see God at work in our lives. We have lived our lives locked in our own selfishness and haven't seen you at work in our lives and in the world around us. For these and all the other ways that we have sinned against You, forgive us for Jesus sake. Amen.
- L** Jesus said "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Jesus sets all of us free from our sins through His life, death and resurrection. Hear again His words of forgiveness and life for you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen!

The Song of Response

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest'
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus

Prayer

All: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers and in our frailty we can't stand against them alone. Give us strength to hold to Your promises and protect us in all dangers as You unlock the way to eternal life through Your Son; in the name of Jesus, Amen. (Please be seated)

The Scripture Readings

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

"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. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 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 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need."

Epistle

1 John 1:1-2:2

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 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. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 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. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

"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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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." 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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now

Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.”

Children’s Sermon

The Song of the Day

“Before The Throne of God”

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest whose name is love, Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav’n He stands no tongue can bid me thence
depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

Sermon

“Unlocking Doors”

Confession of our Faith

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Prayer for Healing

All Gracious Father, when the trials of life beat us down, when we suffer with the pains of life, You invite us to come to You for strength and comfort. Therefore, we lift before You Your servants and ask that You bring healing to their lives: Jordan Timmons, Chayce Johnson, Loren Tompkins, Matt Smith, David Schumann, Dan Nielson, Alex Conley, Greg Larson, James Nunley, Tom Scott, Carolyn Nomura, Curt Taylor, Caide Timmons, Marietta Whitson, Robert Brecht, Myrna Hinz and others that each of us lifts before You in our hearts...

(Silently lift them before God).

L Lord in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

**All 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.**

The Benediction

**P God is faithful and, in His grace, may we always see God in the world
around us wherever we are.**

**C We rejoice in God's great love for us and by His grace may we continue
to serve Him and His kingdom.**

**P Go then, as people empowered by this faithful God and as you go may:
The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.**

C Amen.

The Closing Song

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

CHORUS (2X)

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

(2X)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(2x only) Jesus, Yours is the victory,

CHORUS

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

Recessional