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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."*

Seventh Sunday of Easter **May 12, 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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Gathering Hymn "Healer of Our Every Ill" ELW # 612

Refrain:

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *[Refrain]*

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *[Refrain]*

3 Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *[Refrain]*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;

Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *[Refrain]*

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: Gracious and glorious God, **you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

² **but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ **The wicked are not so
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

⁶ **for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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

A reading from the 15th chapter of Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 15:21-28 (printed on the back of the bulletin)

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Gethsemane" performed by Prescott Bell

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

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

We lift our voices

Lord use our hands

We lift our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

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: "How Great Thou Art" ELW # 856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

when I look down from lofty mountain

consider all the works thy hand hath made,

grandeur

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

[Refrain]

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,

3 But when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,

how great thou art! How great thou art!

sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,

that on the cross my burden gladly bearing

how great thou art! How great thou art!

he bled and died to take away my sin; *[Refrain]*

2 When through the woods and forest glades I
wander,

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,

I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [*Refrain*]

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

Announcements

Coffee fellowship is hosted by Mary Trettin and Mike Miller today!

If you happen to have a dish or pan downstairs, please pick it up today.

In case of pastoral emergency from May 9 through May 16, please contact Dick Boutin at 715-774-3150.

There will be a congregational meeting to call a new pastor on Sunday, May 19th after worship, be sure to come and vote.

Sunday, June 2nd, join us for worship when we honor our graduating seniors and give them beautiful quilts handmade by Messiah quilters.

This Coming Week at Messiah

Today: 10:15 am – Sunday School

Tuesday: 1:30 pm – Bible Study

Wednesday: 9:00 am – Quilting
11:55 am – High School Pizza Lunch
5:50 pm – G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together)
6:30 – Choir Practice

Thursday: 1:30 pm – Justice Seekers meeting
5:30 pm – “Becoming Kin” book discussion

Friday: 1:00 pm – Ukuladies

Saturday: 1:00 – Adventure Women Hiking at Siskiwit Falls

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers and Stewards: Everyone

SAM: Kristin Boland

Preacher: Jocelyn Langholz

Altar Guild: Wendy Murphy, Marne Belanger

Parish Assistant: Tracy Martinez Council President: Tom Mitchell

Ushers: Mary Westlund and Sally Randell

Liturgist: Linda Leis

Choir Director: Tom Yost, Pianist: Owen Polifka

Zoom Asst: Michelle Lampson

Thanks for faithful attendance. May 5, 60 in-house, 9 on Zoom

Prayers for Healing

Karen Bayliss

Requested by

Darlene Anderson

Sarah Garrison	Mary Cook
Merrill Miranowski	Bev Dehn
Ken Belanger	Marne Belanger
Duane Dehn	Bev Dehn
Dave Cook	Lorraine Young
Rob Gwinn	Ruth Carlson
Washburn United Methodist Church	Jessica Mitchell
Daniel Saari	Bill Luckenbill
Barb	Mary Cook
Greg and Allison Gillespie	Julie Vadnais
Karen Novachek	Friends
Dona Copperud	Gail Ballinger
Bill Maki	Karen Maki
Northland College Community	Minister Kristin
Toni Pedersen	Karen Novachek
Mindy Ray	Margie Motiff
Mary McCord	Margie Motiff
Barbara Swenson	Keith Holm

Prayers for Comfort in grief

Carol Root
Terry Nichols
Joyce Oberdeck
Leslie
Judy Zovac
Elizabeth Ware

Requested by

Kelly Beirl
Carol Salminen
Bob & Linda Leis
Dick & Sandy Olson
Cindi Orley
Donna Kramolis

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