

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Lutheran Church-
Missouri Synod*

1308 Whitley Rd.
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**Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class**
9:30am

Sunday Worship
8:00am, 10:45am

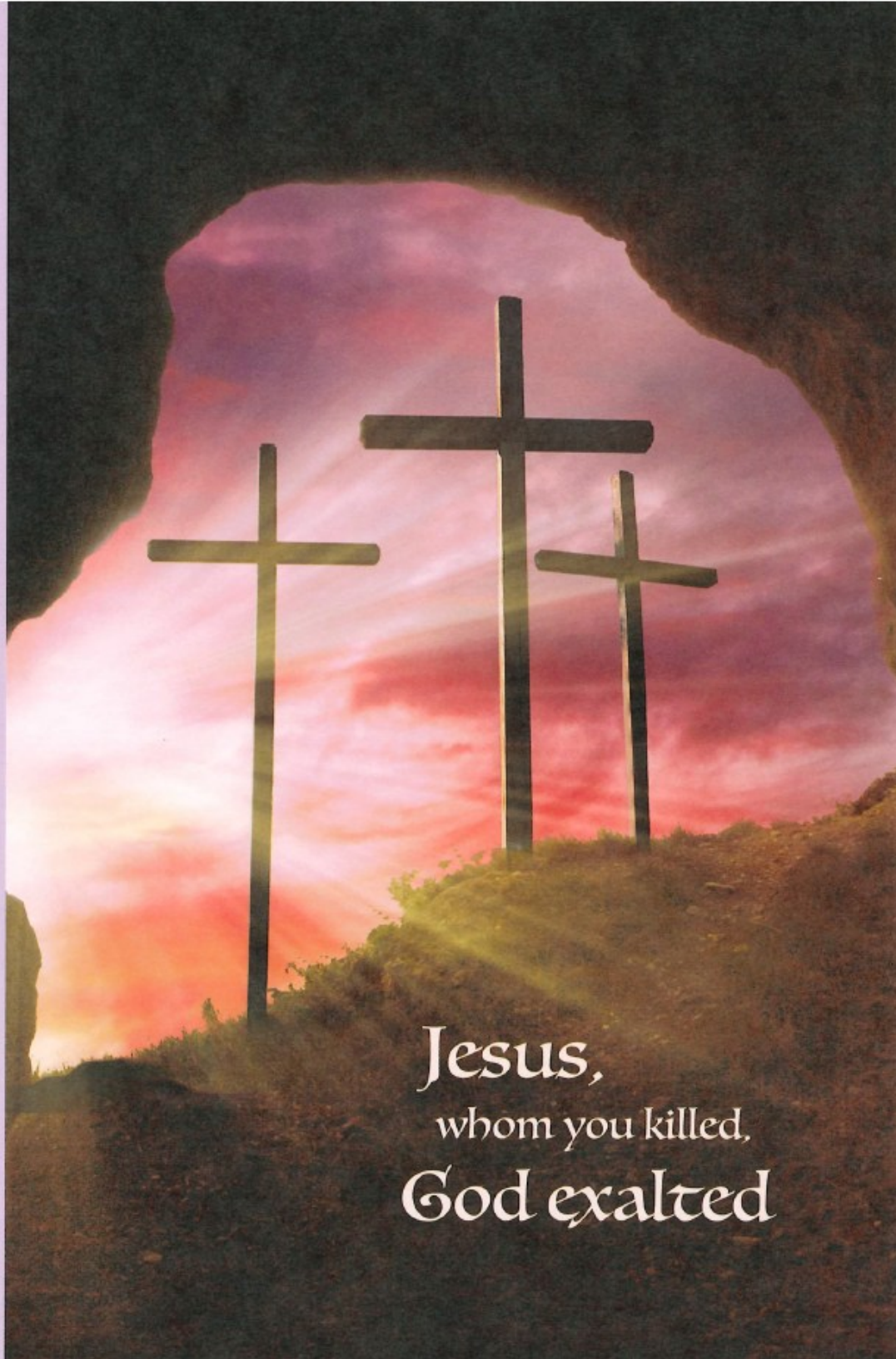
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Jesus,
whom you killed,
God exalted

FOR OUR VISITORS....



Welcome! We encourage you to follow along with either the printed service, or with the hymnal. The page numbers for the hymnal are posted at the front of the sanctuary and on the next page. We realize it can take a while for newcomers to become familiar with our liturgy, so please feel free to ask someone near you for assistance—he or she would be happy to help.

We love children in our church! But if your little one gets fussy you may use the **cry room** that is located at the north end of the hallway behind the sanctuary on your right. You are able to see and hear the worship service from there. We also have "**Quiet Bags**" available for children to use during the service. Please ask an usher or elder if you need assistance. The Quiet Bags are returned after the service.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our services today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of Christ without discerning that body and blood receives a judgment rather than a blessing from God (1 Cor. 11:29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament. Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:17). Since unity at the altar presupposes unity in doctrine and confession (Acts 2:42), we kindly request that **only those who are in confessional fellowship** with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod participate. This includes active members in good standing of all sister Missouri-Synod congregations.



We recognize that **Closed Communion** is a sensitive issue for many and have a brochure to explain it more thoroughly. It is available in the narthex or from an usher. If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with our pastor. However, **we welcome** both children and adults who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church to come to the altar during communion for a pastoral blessing. Please indicate the request for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.



Follow the QR code to visit our "**Virtual Guestbook**" and tell us about yourself and your visit with us.

This bulletin is available in large print upon request.

Divine Service—Setting One—LSB 151

Hymns:
467, 470, 487

Hymns During Distribution:
527, 490

Sermon Title:
Peace to You

Scripture:
John 20:19-31

Prelude

Prelude in D minor - Johann Ludwig Krebs
AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ

("Awake, My Heart, with Gladness") - Balint Karosi

GELOBT SEI GOTT ("O Sons and Daughters of the King") -
Kevin Sadowski

Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue in D minor - J. S. Bach,
BWV 554



Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives *"repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins"* (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He *"is the Christ, the Son of God,"* so that by such faith we *"may have life in his name"* (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the *"living hope"* to which we have been *"born again"* and by which we are guarded *"for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time"* (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, *"though you have not seen him, you love him,"* and by the mercies of God *"you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory"* (1 Peter 1:8).

Serving in God's House Today

		8:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Organist: Miguel Ruiz			
Altar Guild: Debbie Goedecke Debbie Lee Carol McGrath Sydelle Numsen	Head Elder:	David Phillips	Stephen Inglehart
	Head Usher:	Randy Burk	Marty Hobson
	Acolytes:	Sam Sifford	Asher Ruiz Noah Ruiz
Counters: Cathy Keto Amy Hedman	Crucifer/ Altar	Cory O'Dell	Evan Munoz

The flowers that adorn the altar this morning are given by Bob Knipp to the glory of God and in memory of his dear sisters in Christ—Rhoda Brewer, Carole Cornish, and Mildred McLaughlin

Introit *Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3*



*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is
good.*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, *
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

**He remembers his covenant for- | ever, *
the word that he commanded, for a thou
sand gener- | ations.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is
good.*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

*Sung by the Cantor
adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

*Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory
and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his
hands;
he has put all things under his feet.*



This morning we welcome **Brian Mix**
into membership during the 8:00am service.

Please be sure to welcome him
following the service.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

TODAY 04/12 - 8:00AM - DIVINE SERVICE—STREAMING LIVE
 - 9:30AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL—STREAMING LIVE
 - 10:45AM - DIVINE SERVICE

MONDAY 04/13 - 9:30AM - BRAILLE WORKSHOP—MAC BUILDING

TUESDAY 04/14 - 9:30AM - JOY BIBLE STUDY—FELLOWSHIP HALL
 - 7:00PM - CONFIRMATION—RECEPTION ROOM

WEDNESDAY 04/15

THURSDAY 04/16 - 6:30PM - LADIES' BIBLE STUDY—RECEPTION ROOM

FRIDAY 04/17

SATURDAY 04/18 - 7:00AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY—ROSA'S CAFÉ HWY 377

THANK YOU



The Elders would like to thank our Messiah families who helped make this year's Easter breakfast such a special and meaningful time together. From those who generously provided food, to those who graciously gave their time, talents and energy in preparation and service, to all who joined in fellowship—your contributions were a true blessing.

It was a joy to gather as a church family, share a meal, and celebrate the resurrection together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: April 12-25

12: Ex. 20:1-24
 Luke 4:1-15

13: Ex. 22:20-23:13
 Luke 4:16-30

14: Ex. 23:14-33
 Luke 4:31-44

15: Ex. 24:1-18
 Luke 5:1-16

16: Ex. 25:1-22
 Ex. 25:23-30:38

Luke 5:17-39

17: Ex. 31:1-18
 Luke 6:1-19

18: Ex. 32:1-14
 Luke 6:20-38

19: Ex. 32:15-35
 Luke 6:39-49

20: Ex. 33:1-23
 Luke 7:1-17

21: Ex. 34:1-28
 Luke 7:18-35

22: Ex. 34:29-35:21
 Ex. 35:22-38:20
 Luke 7:36-50

23: Ex. 38:21-39:8, 22-23,
 27-31
 Luke 8:1-21

24: Ex. 39:32 - 40:16
 Luke 8:22-39

25: Ex. 40:17-38
 Lev. 1:1-7:38
 Luke 8:40-56

**Thank you to all who provided the beautiful lilies
which adorned our chancel on Easter Sunday!**

Linda Borchelt

Grover and Patty Downing

Lauren Friend

Larry and Debbie Goedecke

Marty and Veronica Hobson

Cathy Keto

Ron and Judy Klingbeil

Bob Knipp, in memory of his loving parents, William and Rachel Knipp

Steven and Cathy Latham

Martin and Marnee Littmann

Claudio and Jennifer Maique

The Salgado Family

Karen Shrum

The Soll Family

Kirby and Brenda Thowe

The Towers Family (Texas, Spain, Japan)

Jim and Laurie Ward

The Weber Family

Ruby Wilson



MLCA's 25th Anniversary Celebration
Friday, April 24th

Liberty & Legacy - Our Spring Celebration

You are invited to join us for a special evening as we celebrate 250 years of American freedom and 25 years of faithful education at our school.

This outdoor spring gathering will be a time of gratitude, fellowship, and joyful celebration as our students honor the rich history of our nation and the legacy of our school community.

Timeline:

5:30pm (Fellowship Hall and Outside)

- Catered BBQ Dinner available for purchase with option for both adults and children. Families are invited to arrive early, enjoy a meal together and visit with friends as the grounds come alive with patriotic spirit.

6:30pm (Soccer Field)

- Our students will present an outdoor patriotic concert and performance, celebrating America's 250th anniversary through music and presentation. This is a mandatory event for all K-8th and we look forward to showcasing their hard work and dedication.

Throughout the evening, guests may also enjoy:

- A Silent & Live Auction
- Vendor Booth/Activity Tables (separate purchase)
- Fellowship & Community

Dinner tickets, commemorative t-shirts, and booth tickets are available for purchase at <https://tinyurl.com/y59y58pm>

Invite friends and family for this wonderful celebration!



THE HOUSEHOLD AT PRAYER

Make prayer a daily habit for your family. Do as much of this as is helpful. Gather together in one place. Set aside all distractions as best as you are able. Before or after meal works well. The most important part is reading the Bible.

1. The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.
In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
2. Sing or speak the hymn, introit, and/or psalm. Start with the first stanza.
3. Read aloud the appointed scripture for the day using the Daily Lectionary reading from LSB 299-304, or as found in the Treasury of Daily Prayer.
4. The Head of Household may give instruction/ ask questions on the scripture reading.
Ask basic questions: "What is this?" and "what did it say?", Q & A for Youth.
5. Recite or quiz one another on the weekly verse and Catechism passage.
6. Confess Apostles' Creed together.
7. Pray the Lord's Prayer and Collect of the Day. Also pray for others (see prayer list in bulletin).
Include prayers for family and friends, ourselves, upcoming events and plans.
8. Sing or say the following, then go joyfully to your work or to rest:
Let us || bless the Lord.
Thanks | be to God.

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

READINGS:

Mon: The Prophet Elijah Goes to the Widow of Zarephath - 1 Kings 17:8-24

Tue: Elijah's Message to Ahab - 1 Kings 18:1-19

Wed: The Lord's Victory on Mount Carmel - 1 Kings 18:20-40

Thu: The Drought Ends and Elijah Escapes Jezebel - 1 Kings 18:41-19:9a

Fri: Acts 2:14a, 36-41- Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

Sat: 1 Peter 1:17-25 - Called to Be Holy

Sun: Luke 24:13-35 - On the Road to Emmaus

HYMNS:

467 1, 4, 7 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

466 1, 4, 5 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"





REMINDER

Confirmands will be making their Confirmation Banners **today, right after the 10:45am service.**

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.

A parent needs to be present to assist their confirmand.

Pizza will be provided!



COMING SOON—VOTERS' MEETING

There will be a Voters' Meeting **Sunday, April 26th**, immediately following the late service, in the Fellowship Hall at 12pm. All members of Messiah are encouraged to attend. As a reminder, men of the congregation are eligible voters only after attending your first meeting. Be sure to check the weekly Look Ahead email for more information regarding the annual budget, including things such as MLC's mission priorities, operating guardrails, and a realistic plan for income and expenses.



Please keep in your prayers...

Don Knutson, father of Dan Knutson, who will be undergoing back surgery.

Terry Swender, sister of **Patty Downing**, and her family in the loss of Terry's husband, **Rick Swender**.

We continue to pray for our members and loved ones battling cancer: Karen Bentle, Mandy Demick, John DiCesare, Tim Speight, Rob Bentley, Randy Gay, Denny Knutson, Joan Beach, Linda Pancake, Rick Swender, Wayne Kirkland, Ken & Carolyn Blume, Gaelina Strader, Sarah Jarrett, Mike Vandergriff, Rev. Ernie Bernet, Janie Peter, David Grissom.

...also those with other illnesses and trials: Michael Hanson, Aaron Koppelberger, Bruce Lage, Marilyn Curry, Nikki McLeroy, Marilyn Kivit, Brian Cade's mother, Abby Carpenter, Ron Klingbeil, Lief Stratmoen, Karen Shrum, Vicky Krolczyk, Matt Hinde, Lee Masoian, Alli Burk, Amy Lyon, the Lewis family, Chelsea Lage, Grant Smith, William Johnstone, Marlene Eaton, Kris Carter, Wes Liles, Mary Lowry, Patsy Smith, Shelby Renfro, Connie Worley Ramsey, Brooke Lage, The Lowry Family, Sandy McDougal, Jacob Brewer.

...and those who are unable to worship with us regularly: Susan Copen, Carolyn Blume, Don & Marilyn Curry, LaVina Goedecke, Ron and Barbara Busse, Ronald and Brenda Patterson, Marvin Wilken.

...all of our college students in and out of state: Ashley Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Colby Carter, Seminarian David Christensen, Maranda Crutchfield, Dorian Crutchfield, Paul Hedman, Ethan Johnson, Cole O'Dell, Ryan O'Dell, Clara O'Neil, Daniella Osorio, Helena Phillips, Aidan Richmond, Davis Richmond, Mia Salgado, Max Tonniges, Charlie Umayam, Audrey Weber, Emily Weber, Morgan Chryst, Matthew Palmer.

We remember all those serving our country, particularly our members and loved ones in the military: Carly Schwarzenburg, Jesus Aranda, Hannah Kajer, Nicolas Towers, Tony Bourassa, Tyler Burk, David Cantrell, Cassie Gessling, Joseph Kajer, Seth Kirch, Andrew Latham, Andrew Lowry, Hannah Pinkston, Brandon Towers, Frank Wilde, Chaplain Peter J. Williams.

We also pray for...

- Our Braille ministry, that the Word will continue to reach the blind or visually impaired around the world.
- Messiah's educational ministry, especially our Academy, Preschool, Sunday School, and our Catechumens.
- Fellow Messiah members, married couples and children, young couples, singles, Pastor Chryst, and Pastor Christiansen.
- The voters, church council, and leaders of Messiah Church and School as they deliberate on the work the Lord has given His people to do.
- Our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- The spread of the Gospel around our nation and world and the work of our missionaries and relief workers.
- Rev. Dr. Michael Paul and his work in Taiwan.
- The Swaddling Clothes ministry and those who come seeking assistance.
- Those studying at seminary, including David Christensen (4th Year), Tanner Sawall (4th Year), Abram Egger (1st Year), and Vicar Peter Williams, as they prepare to serve in the Holy Ministry.
- Prayers for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

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MLCA is hiring teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, you may call the school office at 817.431.5486, or you may send your resume to schooloffice@mlcatexas.org.



A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 12 (Easter 2): Jesus sent out His apostles with His Spirit to be His witnesses, bringing His peace to the world through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21; Acts 5:32). Through their witness and the witness of the believers who followed, we too have been brought to faith and are therefore blessed even though we have not seen Jesus with our eyes (1Peter 1:8; John 20:29). When we “praise the Lord” (Psalm 148:1) with our Gospel-motivated voices, our neighbors are also brought to see Jesus through us, that they too may believe and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).



1 Peter 1:3-4 - “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” We have an inheritance waiting for us, a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting. They come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the kingdom that will not fade away.



EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: The Easter Hymn “The Day of Resurrection;” Worship, Adiaphora & the Lutheran Confessions; First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus of Nazareth; Restoring Faith, Freedom & Family; and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.



MOVING HELP REQUESTED Messiah member Kate Williams is moving to Oklahoma to be near her family. Brian Cade is requesting the help of 15-20 strong volunteers to help pack up her apartment this **Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 8:00 AM**. Her belongings need to be packed and ready to go by the next morning. **Please contact Brian Cade @ 907-687-2698** if you can help.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 8:00am: 142 10:45am: 172 Total: 314
 Sunday School: — **OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK: \$ 25,526.23** (includes online giving to Gen. Fund)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NEEDED TO FUND THE CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: \$ 19,549.00

You may use this QR code for your convenience if you would like to give to Messiah. It will direct you to our Vanco System for electronic giving.



About the Cover

Peter's convicting words that were given to the leadership to bring about repentance are applied to us as well. For God exalted Christ to deliver the forgiveness of sins by faith in Him. All of us have been born into and contributed to the sin that put Christ to death. When we are convicted of our sin by the work of God's Law on our hearts, it is always in order to bring about repentance and faith in Christ, our Savior, who has been raised for our justification.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:29–42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you

have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31

¹⁹On 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." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶Eight 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.