

Stand

Opening Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen. [John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Following Confession and Absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Word

LCMS Challenge Verse of the Week: Matthew 6:9–13

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Psalm: Psalm 98

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

**²The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together**

⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day: Easter 6

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both

in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared,⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.⁷ For there are three that testify:⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

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Children's Message

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Hymn of the Day: 769 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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Sermon

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



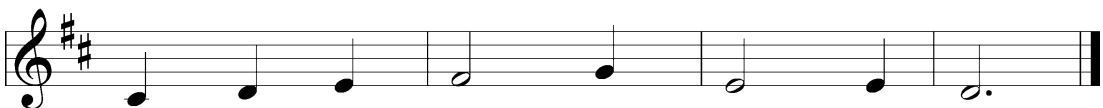
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

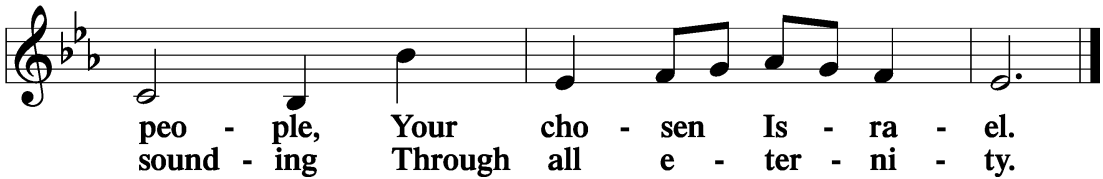
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Prayers for....

- Rick Ciampaglia who having surgery tomorrow to remove the cancerous tumor in his neck.
- Robert Couchon, our Organist, as his health recovers.
- For Michelle Gasbarro as she starts a new cancer treatment using sound waves
- For Jennifer Thomas, for strength in her battle against cancer.
- For Cheyenne, Tom’s daughter in law who was diagnosed with cancer.
- For the family and friends of Ben Lahti as he passed away.
- Deane Jakola, Kerttu Janhunen, Missy, Isaac, Minna Talviharju, Helmi Linnus, Connie Lahti, Ruth LeBlanc, Butch Brennan, Elisha Rhinhart, Pirkko Selin, John Phillips and Cecile Duquette, --medical issues.

Additional Prayer Requests:

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in loving memory of Laina Peltola from Martti Peltola, Heikki and Taina.**

	Serving May 5, 2024	Serving May 12, 2024	Serving May 19, 2024	Serving May 26, 2024
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Reader	Ruth LeBlanc	Barbara Mattson	Ingrid Sweeney	Joanne Brennan
Counters	Jim Farnsworth & Pam Phillips	Lois Moyo & Ruth LeBlanc	Todd Peltonen	Jim Farnsworth & Pam Phillips
Communion Cleaning	Stephanie Urbanek	Stephanie Urbanek	Stephanie Urbanek	Stephanie Urbanek
Stream Team	Scott Sweeney	Kevin Rudat	Liz Jacoby	Barbara Mattson
Greeters	John & Pam Phillips	Lois Moyo	Scott & Ingrid Sweeney	Jerry Nagle
Coffee Fellowship	May Circle Barbara Mattson	Pulla Sunday Linda Sallila	May Circle Fawn Lorincz	Cake Sunday Volunteers
Communion Helper	Malachi Abuga	Matt Schneider	Scott Sweeney	Malachi Abuga

Week at a Glance

Today: May 5th:

9 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:15 AM	Confirmation Class
11:15 AM	Trustees Meeting

Saturday May 11th

9AM	LWML Meeting
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Sunday: May 12th

9 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10 AM	Worship Service
11:15 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:15 AM	Confirmation Class

Upcoming Events and Information

- **LWML Meeting May 11th @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall.**
- **SIGN UP for Camp Pineshore! Go to Pineshore.org for more details.**
 - Day Camp: 5 Weeks from June 24-July 26--\$200/week
 - Overnight Camp: \$400/week
 - Sunday School: Entering Grades 3-6 July 28-August 2
 - Junior High: Entering Grades 7-9-August 4-9
 - Senior High: Entering Grades 10-1st year in College- August 11-16
 - Christ Centered Summer Camp in Westminster, MA ...since 1946

Messiah Lutheran Preschool Art Show, Bake Sale, and Scholastic Book Fair will be Tuesday, May 21st at 4:30pm, please come by and see what's going on in our classrooms and the changes we have made over the last few months.

Messiah's Little Lambs Club

Each Last Sunday of the Month, Messiah Lutheran has started a new children's program to enrich 10AM Sunday Worship for our youngest children. It's called Messiah's Little Lambs Club. After, the children's message with Pastor Jacoby, the younger children will be invited down for a program designed just for them that includes a Bible lesson, activities, and crafts. This will also make it easier for parents with younger children to listen to the sermon and participate in worship. Registration for Messiah's Little Lambs Club is available at www.messiahfitchburg.com If you have questions about attending worship or Messiah's Little Lambs Clubs you can contact Pastor Jacoby at davidjacoby65@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Little Lamb's Clubs Sundays

May 26th

June 30th

From Carenet PRC: Fitchburg

We are excited to begin training new Client Advocates and hope that you will consider joining the team! We are seeking individuals that will commit to a minimum of one day per week 10:00-4:00. If you have any questions about this position, please call or email 978-342-4244 or wendy.mattis@carenetfitchburg.net. We are so excited to see who will be joining the team to be boots on the ground in the fight for life.