



PALM SUNDAY

PREACHING AND TEACHING THE TRUTH TO HIS EXPANDING KINGDOM, REACHING OUT TO ALL!

APRIL 13, 2025

The Lutheran Church & School of Messiah
840 N. 11th St. Grand Junction, CO 81501
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Palm Sunday
(April 13, 2025)

The Lord's Supper: If you are visiting with us or have not been instructed in the unique Lutheran teaching regarding the Lord's Supper, we kindly ask you to speak to the Pastor before communing. If you would like to come up for a blessing, feel free to do so. Simply cross your arms over your chest to let the Pastor know you would like a blessing. Thank you.

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Prelude: Hosanna (organ & bells) Gregor/Garee
Divine Service 4

Announcements & Sharing of Christ's Peace (Shalom)

343 Prepare the Royal Highway

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19b; 18:20)
- C** **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8**
- 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.**
Psalm 130:3-4

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. (*Luke 18:13*)

Kneel/Stand

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

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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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*John 20:19-23*)

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie

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**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy. *Mark 10:47***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Handbell Choir *Hosanna Loud Hosanna* arr. Kinyon

Stand

Verse

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C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31***

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–43

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The

hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the

synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Creed [*“Creed” comes from the Latin credo, which means “I believe.” From the time of Pentecost, the Ancient Christian Church has confessed a creed. The Early Christian Church has always believed, taught, and confessed these Scriptural teachings. This is why we are called a Creedal Church.*] (*Us men means all people*)

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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Kids' Time

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Sermon

Stand

Offering

Offering baskets are located on either side of the back pews, or you can scan the QR code

785 We Praise You, O God

sts. 2–3

- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Prayer of the Church

1Timothy 2:1-4

Service of the Sacrament

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Stand

Preface 2Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

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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**

LSB 208

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

Lord's Prayer **Matthew 6:9-13**

**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 Conclusion for the Lord's Prayer is not in Matthew or Luke. The Conclusion is from 1Chronicles 29:10-11, King David's prayer in the assembly.]*

The Words of Our Lord

Words of Institution: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei John 1:29

LSB 210

C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we**

Sit

Distribution

837 Lift High the Cross

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.

Distribution Hymn

Text: Chad L. Bird, 1970

531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Stand

Nunc Dimittis Luke 2:29-32

LSB 211

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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C **Amen.**

Benedicamus (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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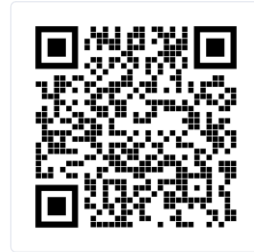
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Talents & Interests



Survey



Offering Option: Scan



Preacher: Rev. Mike Redeker
DCE: Jonathan Peterson
Organist: Marilyn Smith
Acolytes: Tucker Klein, Ryker Bish

Elders: Ray Seeley, Don Olbert
Ushers: Matt Bonnell, Dean Hollatz
Jay Johnson, Korrey Klein
Greeters: Carol Peterson, Eileen Johnson

PRAYER REQUESTS— *“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”* Prayer requests for you, family with permission, or by a pastor, may be sent to admin@mlgj.org & sec@mlgj.org

Messiah’s Prayer List

Continued health and healing: Chris Ballard, Ralph Bickel, Mary Ann Bradshaw, Peter Chaney, Darlene & Darrel Clark, Lucy Clemmer, *Linda Currey, John Feliciano, Carol Haller,* Stephen Hildebrand, Doug Johnson, Jimmie Kenner and family, Emogene Kukuk, Carrie Lamgo, *Tom Moore,* Illona Rennels, Bob Rennick, Dorothy Roberts, Esther Schlauger, Karen Skoog, *Bill & Deborah Stacy,* Shane Walz, Romaine Webb, Jeff Vagneur, *Gary.*

Fighting serious diseases: Sharon Breshears, Bill Brodak, Denise Currie, Courtney Grieger, Misty Hannah, Steve Kaskus, Shane Larsen, Anna Marie Mautz, Barb Moore, John Moseman Sr., Melani Perschbacher, Debra Proctor, Shirley Robinson, Diana Walcher.

Continue to fight cancer: Ralph Bickel, Karen Caldwell, Tyler, Rhonda Covington, James Hamleton, Les Hawkins, Leslie Hendricks, Barbara Huff, Mike Jerome, Arthur Kluegel, Chuck Magner, Marshall Mead, Walter Netzke, Amy Poulin, *Rick Reimers,* Loretta Siilata, Skogen, *Nickie Wilke.*

Called Home:

Serving in the military: Jake Bradshaw, Jack Eberhard, Karen and James Moore, Caleb Schmidt, Brandon & Kayt Soine, Eric Stahly.

Messiah Lutheran members

Messiah Lutheran faculty & staff

Messiah Lutheran Church/School

Mavericks of Messiah: *Continue to pray for the college students.*

Missionaries: Rev. Tim Norton to the Navajo Nation and **Rev Dr. Karl Heimer,** Ysleta, El Paso Texas.

Celebrating Birthdays:

13- Harold Larsen, Jamie Sickler

15- Roxanne Lewis

17-Christine Lofton, Matthew Meyer,
Gemma Redeker

18- Christy Moore

19- Linda Currey, David Soriano

Wedding Anniversaries:

Korrey & Alana Klein (17)

Home Hospice Care:

CALENDAR FOR THE Week of April 13, 2025

Sunday 8:00am **First Communion Class- FH**
 9:00am **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**
 10:30am **Fellowship, Coffee, Bible Study**
 10:30am **Young Adult Bible Study- MPR**
 10:30am **Battle Ready Modules- Computer Lab**
 12:30pm **Church Council**
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching- 2478 Patterson Rd #14**

Monday 5:30pm **Battle Ready WR/DD- Library**

Tuesday 7:00am **Men's Bible Study- FH**
9:00am **Quilt Ladies- FH**
1:00pm **Ruth Circle- FH**
 6:15pm **Handbells**
6:30pm **Lydia Circle- Library**
 7:00pm **Adult Choir**

Wednesday 8:30am **Chapel**
 9:30am **Bible Study – FH**
 6:00pm **Church**

Thursday 1:30am **Dorcas Circle- Library**
 5:00pm **Maundy Thursday Service**
 7:00pm **Maundy Thursday Service**

Friday 12:00am **Good Friday Service**
 7:00pm **Good Friday Service**

Saturday 7:30am **Adult/Highschool B-Ball Open GYM**
 2:00pm **Luke Bible Study- 2267 Tanglewood Rd.**

Sunday 6:00am **Sunrise Service**
 7:00am **Easter Breakfast**
 9:00am **Worship, Communion, Facebook Live**
 6:00pm **Sipping/Searching- 2478 Patterson Rd #14**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 13, 2025

INCOME FOR THE PERIOD: April 3rd – April 9th

Weekly Donations \$ **24,700.36** Month to Date **\$36,764.11**

Weekly Need **\$23,540.00** Monthly Need **\$94,160.00**

***→ YTD Actual Income: **\$817,820.56**

***→ YTD Budget Income: **\$894,517.33**

***→ YTD difference: **-\$76,696.77**

ATTENDANCE: Lent_Wed. 04/02/25- 70 Sun 04/06/25- 184

Help With Messiah Student Recruitment- YARD SIGNS! THIS IS PRIME RECRUITMENT TIME FOR NEW STUDENTS!

A generous donor has provided a number of yard signs promoting Messiah Lutheran School enrollment. If you would like one, please pick it up after church or in the office. These signs are intended to be reused in the summer, so please do not throw them away. If you are unable to store them or reuse them, kindly return them to the office, as they were not inexpensive. **Thank you for your support! Pastor**

Easter Lilies for Sanctuary Decoration- Are available for purchase to help decorate the sanctuary this **Easter season**. Each plant is **\$15**. Funds raised above the cost of the lilies will support our **youth attending the National Youth Gathering 2025**. To order, please find the **box in the narthex**, fill out a slip, and drop it with your payment in the box. After **Easter Sunday worship**, you can take your plant home or gift it to someone special! Place your order by Palm Sunday, **April 13th**. Thank you for supporting our youth and celebrating Easter with us!

Key Return Notice- The church and school **have been re-keyed**, and old keys no longer work. **Please return** all keys **ASAP** for recycling. New keys will be distributed in the coming weeks, and you can check one out as needed. **Thank you, Deb Fenske.**

Early Registration- For **Lutheran Women's National Convention** is **March 1st - April 30th**, **Save \$50!** The convention will be held **June 26th-29th** in **Omaha, Nebraska**. For more information, visit **lwml.org/convention**.

Thank You- For the prayers and encouragement. They were all appreciated! **-Katy Buxman**

The Pregnancy Center & Birthright Update- A heartfelt thank you to **everyone** who so **generously donated** to our **Heart Project!** Thanks to your kindness, we were able to deliver a large quantity of baby items to both organizations. Additionally, the City Market gift cards allowed parents to purchase fresh produce for their families. Both organizations expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation. Our donation box will remain in the **Narthex for any future contributions.** **Thank you** once again for your continued support!

Kids Connection/Sunday School Teachers Needed- Congratulations to **Drew and Shelby** on Drew's new job and their exciting move to St. Louis to be closer to family! They've been incredible leaders for Kids Connection this year, and we are grateful for their dedication. We are looking for more volunteers to help lead. **Imagine if we had a team of 30 people,** with each person leading just one week, what a wonderful way to share in the privilege of shaping the next generation! If you'd like to be part of this amazing team, please reach out to **DCE Jonathan** to **sign up.** **Thank you for your support!**

Vacation Bible School- VBS is just around the corner, happening from **June 2 - 6, 2025!** We're looking for volunteers to serve as **group leaders** and **section leaders** for activities such as games, crafts, snacks, story time, and science. VBS will run from **8am-12pm** each day. Volunteers will need to attend a **training session** and complete a **background check.** A supply list will be **available soon,** but in the meantime, please start saving **paper towel rolls and bring your used/empty water bottles.** Why recycle when you can donate them to VBS! For more information, please contact **Lois MacDonald** or **DCE Jonathan.**

LCMS Foundation Gift Planning- We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we think of the tension that is produced by differing opinions by family members. Sometimes parents create an estate plan later in life that includes some gifts that will support ministry or other charities, never telling their children. When the first spouse is called home to Jesus, children often get involved in the estate plan and might contradict the original plan. The solution for this is to communicate your estate plan to future heirs now. Your Messiah Gift Planning Counselor can help you see the compromise that solves this tension. Contact **Jason Jones** at **Jason.Jones@lfnd.org** or call him directly at **(970) 988-0305.**

Messiah's Radio Ministry-Sunday mornings at **8:30am – 9:00am** on radio station **1100AM/KNZZ.** It is followed by The Lutheran Hour at **9:00am**