


Welcome to Messiah! We worship in the liturgical tradition of the Lutheran church. This means that we consider worship to be a participatory event.

All present participate in offering praise to God; for this reason, the worship service includes opportunities for every person to take an active part, including hymns, responses, and sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Please follow the order of service below. The green *Lutheran Book of Worship* is divided into pages, found in the first part of the book, and hymns, which compose the last three-fourths of the book.

In the order of service, "Page" with a number refers to the front of the hymnal; "LBW" with a number refers to that numbered hymn in the latter part of the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. "WOV" refers to the blue soft-bound supplemental hymnal, titled *With One Voice*.

The asterisk (*) denotes a portion of the service where those who are able are asked to stand.

 **The Holy Communion** is open to all who have been baptized in the Triune Name of God and who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion are provided in the box with the cup icon in this bulletin.

Parents are welcome to bring infants and young children forward to receive a blessing.

Worship begins with silent prayer and preparation as the people enter the nave and during the Prelude.

COMING BEFORE GOD

In reverence to God and with respect to fellow worshippers, please turn off all cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.

(Please note: many use the time during the prelude to engage in prayer and contemplation. Out of reverence and consideration for others, please refrain from conversing.)

The Prelude	Kerr
<i>Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i>	
*The Confession of Sins (Brief Order)	Page 77
*The Processional Hymn	LBW 145
<i>Thine Is the Glory</i>	
*The Apostolic Greeting	Page 78
*The Hymn of Praise <i>This is the Feast</i>	Page 81
*The Prayer of the Day	

HEARING THE WORD


The First Lesson	Acts 4:32-35
<i>They had everything in common</i>	
The Psalmody	Psalm 148 Page 288
The Second Lesson	1 John 1:1-2:2
<i>If we confess our sin, we are forgiven</i>	
*The Alleluia Verse	Page 83
*The Holy Gospel	John 20:19-31
<i>The risen Jesus encounters the disciples</i>	

The Sermon	
*The Hymn of the Day	WOV 649
<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	
*The Nicene Creed	Page 84
*The Prayers	
*The Sharing of God's Peace	

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Musical Offering	Kim
<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>	
*The Offertory	Page 86
*The Offertory Prayer "Blessed are you..."	Page 88

*THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

 Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may commune using either the shared cup or an individual glass. If you prefer the glass, please take one from the ushers as you approach the rail.

If for reason of health, you prefer not to receive wine, it is perfectly acceptable to commune by receiving bread only; simply decline the wine when it is offered.

You are welcome to remain standing at the rail if kneeling is difficult for you. Deposit used cups in the dishpan (front pew).

If you would like to receive the Sacrament but cannot walk easily, please indicate to your usher that you would like to receive Communion in your seat, and the ministers will bring it to you.

*The Great Thanksgiving	Page 88
Eucharistic Prayer No. 31	Page 89
Our Father, who art...	Page 91
The Distribution of the Meal	
<u>The congregation sings:</u>	
<i>Lamb of God</i>	Page 92
<i>The First Day of the Week</i>	LBW 246
<i>He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!</i>	LBW 138
*The Post-Communion Blessing	Page 92
*The Post-Communion Canticle	Page 92
*The Post-Communion Prayer	Page 94
*The Benediction and Sending	Page 95
*The Recessional Hymn	WOV 675
<i>We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight</i>	
*The Postlude	Broughton
<i>Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	

VISITOR INFORMATION: We welcome you in the Name of Christ. Please sign the guest register located in the narthex near the greeter and give the pastor an opportunity to meet you.

If you would like a tour of the facility, the pastor will arrange for a guide. If you would like to know more about the ministries and life of Messiah, we invite your questions.

REST ROOMS are located in the corridor to your left as you exit the worship space. Pass through the coat area then look to your right. An infant changing table is available in the Ladies' Room.

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SERVING TODAY:

SUPPLY PASTORS:	The Rev. Michael Tamorra The Rev. Karen Tamorra
ASSISTING MINISTER:	Deborah Lutz
LECTOR:	Mary Garrett
ACOLYTE:	Karen Zivic
CRUCIFER:	Kathaleen Lilley
ORGANIST:	Erin Trovinger
GREETER:	Deborah Lutz
HEAD USHERS:	Harry & Karen Hatt
COUNTING TEAM:	Team 1 (Beegle, Ernst, Varone)

A DONATION has been given to the glory of God and in memory of Hiester and Polly Gingrich by the Surmacz Family.

The **COMMUNION GIFTS** are presented to the glory of God and , in loving memory of John & Fae Appleby and Sylvester & Lore Lilley by the Lilley Family

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH:

4/7	FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:30 AM Welcome Time sponsored by Susan Lentz
4/8	OFFICE CLOSED
4/9	7 PM Congregation Council
4/11	OFFICE CLOSED
4/13	9 AM Property work day
4/14	9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour 10:30 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (The Rev. Sally Gausmann will be leading worship)

Next week's lessons: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

PARENTS – You are encouraged to bring your small children to worship. Should you decide they need a break from pew seating, you are welcome to make use of the area outside the nave. They can crawl or play while you continue to worship.



Also, parents: Please make use of the paper strips for your young child to draw on during worship, rather than the Communion cards. These cards are needed for their intended use. Your consideration is appreciated.

Parents and Kids! Beside the guest register stand (at the Greeter Station), “busy bags” are available for your young children’s use during worship. You are welcome to take them into the nave. Please return these items to the basket after worship for use again next week. Encourage your children to take their artwork home with them. ENJOY! From the Welcome Team.



MOVING? Please remember to notify the church office if you have moved or are planning to move. The church must pay double postage every time we are notified of a change of address by the post office. Thank you for helping us be good stewards.

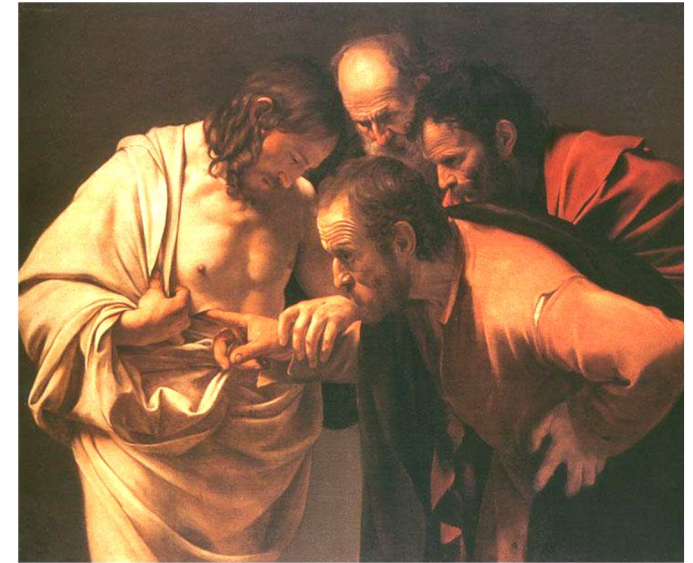


The Altar Guild is accepting donations for **geraniums** to decorate the chancel for Pentecost (May 19). Please put your donation in a plain envelope marked “geraniums” and place it in the offering plate or drop it in the church office. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR A PARTICULAR CONGREGATION within the Atlantic Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church are being offered each week during the liturgies of the forty-three congregations of the mission region. This week we are remembering in prayer the people, ministries, and congregation of **Trinity Lutheran Church in Warrenton, VA.**



LANDSCAPE CARE SERVANT OPPORTUNITIES: we again invite you to serve God and neighbor by signing up to care for a portion of Messiah’s grounds. The area chart and sign-up form are posted in the Information Center in the narthex. Tools and mulch will be available. Your offerings of time and work are greatly appreciated.



**The 2nd Sunday of Easter
The Holy Communion
at 10:30 AM
April 7, 2024**

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**Our Mission:
*To bring Christ to people and people to Christ.***

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