


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	arr. A.K. Organ
	<i>Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia</i>
*The Confession of Sins (Brief Order)	Page 77
*The Processional Hymn	WOV 674
	<i>Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen</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 8:26-40
	Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch
The Psalmody	Psalm 150 Page 289
The Second Lesson	1 John 4:1-21
	Recognizing the truth; the love of the saints
*The Alleluia Verse	Page 83
*The Holy Gospel	John 15:1-8
	Jesus, the true vine

The Sermon	
*The Hymn of the Day	WOV 696
	<i>I've Just Come from the Fountain</i>
*The Nicene Creed	Page 84
*The Prayers	
*The Sharing of God's Peace	

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Musical Offering	Peterson
	<i>Morning Song</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.

(Please follow the special order for Distribution of Consecrated Elements in the Holy Communion by a Lay Worship Leader in your insert.)

*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	LBW 141
	<i>The Day of Resurrection!</i> (alt tune)
*The Postlude	Smith
	<i>Sing and Rejoice</i>

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We are grateful to Nick Adams for leading worship today during our time of transition.

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:

LAY LEADER:	Nicholas Adams
ASSISTING MINISTER:	Eugene Martin
ACOLYTE:	Karen Zivic
CRUCIFER:	Gayle Hoffman
ORGANIST:	Karen Fox
GREETER:	
HEAD USHERS:	Harry & Karen Hatt
COUNTING TEAM:	Team 4 (Hoffman, Lutz, Zivic)

A DONATION to the General Fund has been given to the glory of God and in memory of my husband Kenneth Martin and our parents Robert & Jennie Martin and John & Jennie Long by Dorothy Martin.

The **COMMUNION GIFTS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Justin Lilley and Kenna Marx yesterday. May God bless them with a long and happy marriage.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH:

4/28	9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour
4/29	OFFICE CLOSED
5/1	Pastor Sally's first official day as our interim pastor
5/2	OFFICE CLOSED
5/4	9 AM Central Mission District Convocation at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Abington
5/5	FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY
	9:30 AM Welcome Time sponsored by Deb Lutz
	10:30 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (The Rev. Logan Swanger will be leading worship)

Next week's lessons: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:34-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

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.



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-five congregations of the mission region. This week we are remembering in prayer the people, ministries, and congregation of **Advent Lutheran Church in Winchester, VA.**



The **May issue of the *Messiah Messenger*** and corresponding calendar are available to view and/or print on our website. If you receive a paper copy they are available on the oak table outside the nave.



Newsletter

The **Greeter sign-up sheet** is completely empty for the rest of the spring and all of the summer. Please sign up today on the Information Board to share your smile and friendly greeting with your church family and visitors.



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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!

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.



Stewardship Committee Re-forming! You are cordially invited to attend a Stewardship Committee meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 PM in the conference room.** The committee has been inactive for a few years, but the Council would like to see a renewal of our stewardship emphasis in the congregation.



Stewardship is more than giving money. It is the expression of our Christian faith in daily living as we express and understand our Christian use of time, talents, and treasures of which we are gifted by God in abundance. Anyone interested in attending the meeting on May 7th is encouraged to take part in the re-forming of the committee. If you have any questions or need additional information, please talk to Kathy Lilley or Michael Ernst, Co-chairpersons.

Pastor Sally's first official day as our part-time interim pastor is on Wednesday, May 1. She will have office hours one day a week (usually on Tuesday) beginning May 7. Please read the Pastor’s Page in the *May Messiah Messenger* for more information!



There will be a **SPECIAL WELCOME TIME** on **Sunday, May 12 after worship** in the narthex. Please make plans to stay for light refreshments and to welcome Pastor Sally (and Pastor Paul) as she begins her ministry with us during our continued time of transition.



**The 5th Sunday of Easter
The Holy Communion
at 10:30 AM
April 28, 2024**

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

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