


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	Childs
<i>Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!</i>	
*The Confession of Sins (Brief Order)	Page 77
*The Processional Hymn	LBW 146
<i>Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice!</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 10:34-48
Peter acknowledges the Gentiles as acceptable to God	
The Psalmody	Psalm 98 Page 262
The Second Lesson	1 John 5:1-8
We express love of God through obedience	
*The Alleluia Verse	Page 83
*The Holy Gospel	John 15:9-17
The commandment of Jesus	

The Sermon	
*The Hymn of the Day	WOV 664
<i>A New Commandment</i>	
*The Nicene Creed	Page 84
*The Prayers	
*The Sharing of God's Peace	

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

The Musical Offering	Schultz
<i>One There Is, above All Others</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>One There Is, above All Others</i>	LBW 298
<i>O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts</i>	LBW 356
*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 147
<i>Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!</i>	
*The Postlude	Krapf
<i>Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice</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 PASTOR:	The Rev. Logan Swanger
ASSISTING MINISTER:	Sandra Smith
ACOLYTE:	Karen Hatt
CRUCIFER:	Kathaleen Lilley
ORGANIST:	Erin Trovinger
GREETER:	Rita Savant
HEAD USHER:	Gayle Hoffman
COUNTING TEAM:	Team 1 (Beegle, Ernst, Varone)

A DONATION has been made to the General Fund to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Nye and other departed loved ones by Kevin and Sandra Smith.

The **COMMUNION GIFTS** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of our parents Ralph & Emily Gassert and George & Rose Ellen Metcalfe by Tom and Janet Gassert.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH:

5/5	FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY 9:30 AM Welcome Time sponsored by Deb Lutz
5/6	OFFICE CLOSED
5/7	Pastor Sally's first day in the office 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee (conference room) 6:30 PM Creekside HOA meeting (nave)
5/9	OFFICE CLOSED
5/11	9 AM Property work day
5/12	9 AM Living in Faith Education Hour 10:30 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (Pastor Sally) Special Welcome Time after worship

Next week's lessons: 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

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 **Altalaha Lutheran Church in Rehersburg, PA.**

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 this **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.

There will be a **SPECIAL WELCOME TIME** next **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 6th Sunday of Easter
 The Holy Communion
 at 10:30 AM
 May 5, 2024**

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**A Congregation of
 The North American Lutheran Church**

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

**The Rev. Sara Gausmann, Interim Pastor
 Mrs. Robin H. Harris, Office Manager
 Mrs. Karen L. Fox, Cantor Emerita**