

Messiah Lutheran Church

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April 15, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- VISITORS-** Please introduce yourself and sign our Guest Book in the hallway. We hope you will return to worship with us. If you would like information about membership, please call the office at 277-4213.
- WELCOME TO OUR LORD'S TABLE** all who are baptized children of God. As Lutherans we teach and believe that Christ is truly physically and spiritually present under the forms of bread and wine; they are his body and blood. Small children and infants are welcome to commune if they have received "first communion instruction," and should be assisted by their parents. Children who are not yet communing and those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. When we are using trays with individual glasses, for those who do not prefer wine, the glasses in the center circle of the trays are filled with grape juice; or you may choose the chalice. Those unable to partake of wine or wheat bread are assured that the fullness of our Lord is received in either of the elements. After communing, please return to your seat for silent prayer.
- ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART** is hanging on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, place your name on the date(s) of your choice, and a brief note for what commemoration the flowers are given. We can have up to three sponsors each Sunday. Sponsors will be billed from Ricky Craig at a cost of \$45 per arrangement. You may also provide your own flowers, however they should be on par with the quality of arrangements normally used. Remember to take them home following the 10:45 service to enjoy or share with a friend (or drop by church during the week between 9am-1pm to pick them up). **Please return the container to the church.**
- The altar flowers for today are sponsored by Paul & Sarah Brehm in honor of Hannah's 2nd birthday.
- A special thanks to Pastor Wynemah Hinlicky for serving as our guest pastor for today.
- The anthem for today is "Great Is Thy Faithfulness", words by Thomas O. Chisholm, music by William M. Runyon, and arranged by Lloyd Larson. Sung by the Messiah Adult Choir.

THE NAVE IS OPEN FOR PRAYER MONDAY- FRIDAY, 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*** New Information**

*Edward Wright hospice care (Steve Wright's father)
*Joyce O'Connor hospitalized with infection and other health issues
King Family upon the passing of Alexis King's Aunt Theresa
Nancy Brunson aggressive ovarian cancer (friend and coworker of Doris Underwood)
Chris Jaworowski undergoing rectal cancer treatment (son-in-law of Gary & Diane Davis)
Pastor Jill Henning aggressive breast cancer (friend of Pastor and Doris Underwood)
Joey Froden colorectal cancer (Bill Froden's son)

Please include the names listed in your prayers at home during the following weeks. To add or update someone to the prayer chain, call the church office. We will routinely remove your prayer request from this list after 2-3 weeks, depending on the circumstances. If the need arises, please call the church office to have them returned to the list.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

5:30 pm RSVP Meal \$5 per plate (under 5, free; ages 5-12, \$3)
6:15 pm Worship
6:15 pm Children's Bible Study
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm Catechism

The April 18th meal is sponsored by the SOMM & Choir. The menu will be Chicken Alfredo, salad, marinated slaw, rolls, and dessert. Please **RSVP** or cancel before Tuesday noon. You can make reservations by contacting the church office (call 277-4213, e-mail mlcoffice@messiahlutheranmgm.org) or place your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall outside the office. You may also make reservations on the website at www.messiahlutheranmgm.org.

Remember Our Senior Friends in Retirement Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes, or Semi-Shut-ins at Home

Jim Lincoln 1555 Taylor Rd B8, Montgomery, AL 36117
Pastor Robert Graetz 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106
Ardes Anderson c/o Keith Anderson, 122 Langford Dr., Brandon, MS 39047
Judy Forks 390 Aquil Lane, Pike Road, AL 36064-5002
Signe Nelson 5801 Eastdale Dr., #106, Montgomery, AL 36117
Jane Stambaugh 9819 Mid Pines Court, Montgomery, AL 36117
Katherine Yaworski Pine Needle Place, 600 Glendale Ave., Greenville, AL 36037

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Worship Attendance on 4/8/18 8:00 am **22** 10:45 am **58**
Contributions to Financial Expense Plan on 4/8/18 \$4,956
Fiscal Year Contributions thru 4/8/18 \$176,953
Fiscal **Y-T-D** Financial Expense Plan Goal \$195,354
Above/(Below) **Y-T-D** FEP Goal as of **(\$18,401)**
*Fiscal Year 2018 FEP Goal \$225,742

Worship Assistant Schedule

		April 15th	April 22nd
Altar		Diane Davis	Peg Walker
Communion Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Rhonda Morton
	10:45 am	Judy McCune & Elizabeth Strickland	Dave & LuAnn Marz
Crucifer	10:45 am	Lily Strickland	Jamie McCune
Greeter	8:00 am	Champ Street	Lillie Bivins
	10:45 am	Keri Broughton	Keri Broughton
Lay Assistant	8:00 am	Steve Wright	Paul Morton
	10:45 am	Elsa Larson	Kay Owens
Lector	8:00 am	Gene Klocke	Steve Wright
	10:45 am	Jamie McCune	Mark O'Connor
Ushers	8:00 am	Jim Willoughby	Champ Street
	10:45 am	Diane Davis & Lola Williams	Katrina Matzer & Tina Ruffa

Schedule for Week of April 15th			Schedule for Week of April 22nd		
SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist	SUN:	8:00 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
4/15	9:00 am	Refreshments	4/22	9:00 am	Refreshments
	9:15 am	Kids Assembling Kits		9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist		10:45 am	Worship w/ Eucharist
MON:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	MON:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
4/16			4/23		
TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters	TUE:	9:00 am	Quilters
4/17			4/24		
WED:	9:00 am	Quilters	WED:	9:00 am	Quilters
4/18	5:30 pm	Supper	4/25	5:30 pm	Supper
	6:15 pm	Worship		6:15 pm	Worship
	6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study		6:15 pm	Kids Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	7:00 pm	Catechism Class		7:00 pm	Catechism Class
THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice	THU:	7:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
4/19			4/26		
FRI:	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls	FRI:	9:00 am	Art Club Drop-In
4/20			4/27	6:30 pm	Pinks & Pearls
SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers	SAT:	9:00 am	Yarnovers
4/21	1:00 pm	Girl Scouts	4/28		