

**Holy Communion**

**Offering & Offertory Prayer**

**Hymnal #186**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer - *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***

*All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. Children who don't yet receive will receive a blessing.  
(Juice and gluten free wafers available upon request.)*

**Post Communion Prayer - Amen.**

**Blessing & Sending** - Blessed, be a blessing; healed, bring healing. Go in peace, share the Good News.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**Hymn**      *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*, verses 1, 2, 4, 6

**Hymnal #620**

***“Growing God’s Family”***

Messiah Lutheran Church

**Service for Wholeness, Healing and Hope**

**5:00 p.m. March 14, 2020**

\*All congregational responses are in ***Bold, Italics.***

**Three Chimes** Please rise as you are able.

**Invocation** - Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, Who is present, Who gives life, Who calls into existence the things that do not exist. ***Amen.***



**Confession and Forgiveness** - If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess. (moment of reflection). Gracious God, ***have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from You, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from Your resurrection life. We have strayed from Your love for all people. Turn us back to You, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to You and dwell in Your house forever. Amen.***

**Words of Forgiveness** - ... ***Amen***

**Peace** - The peace of the Lord be with you always. ***And also with you.*** Share the peace with one another with the phrase, “*Peace be with you.*” It is not necessary to shake hands.

**Hymn** *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* **Hymnal #520**

**Greeting** - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***And also with you.***

**Prayer of the Day** - ***Merciful God, the fountain of living water, You quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of Your truth through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.*** You may be seated

**First Reading** - A reading from Exodus 17. Word of God, word of Life. ***Thanks be to God!***

**Second Reading** – A reading from Romans 5. Word of God, word of Life. ***Thanks be to God!***

**Hymn** *Open Our Eyes, Lord*  
***Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, And help us to listen,  
Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus.***

**Gospel** - The Holy Gospel according to John 4. ***Glory to You, O Lord.***  
The Gospel of the Lord; ***Praise be to You, O Christ.***

**Sermon** **Pastor Timothy Knauss**

**Meditation Moment:** *Psalm 48:9 O God, we meditate on Your unfailing love as we worship in Your*

Temple. Sermon Note -

**Prayer for Our People** - Lord, today we especially pray for: Andy (Allewelt), Julia (Pollock), Doug (Russell), Barbara (Yorke), Claudia (Pohl), Matthew (Mortimore), Vivian (Close), Christopher (Kohan), Marsenna (Rentel), Carol Jean (Bruner), Maddie (Hendricks), Tina (Breslin), Arlene (Greenwald), Mike (Ebling), Erin (Selcher), Phyllis (Serfass), Roberta (Kissinger). Receive Daphne into Your kingdom, Lord. Rest eternal grant her and let light perpetual shine upon her. We pray for the freedom from suffering of all living creatures everywhere. We pray for those to whom death draws near this day. We pray for those dear to us whom we now name in our hearts before You. From a sudden and unprepared for death, Good Lord, deliver us. Immanuel, God with us; hear our prayer and heal us. We wait to feel Your touch. We come like she who touched You in the press of the crowd and heard, “Daughter go in peace, your faith makes you well.” Like her, with hopes and fears, we come to touch You if we may. Lord, send us not despairing home; send none unhealed away. ***Amen.***

**Hymn** *Open Our Eyes, Lord*  
***Open our hearts, Lord, That we might receive You,  
Open our spirits, And teach us to worship.  
Open our lips, Lord, And teach us to praise You,  
Open our eyes, Lord, We want to see Jesus.***

**A time of Blessing** - “*Receive the touch of the Risen, Life-giving Jesus for your blessing, wholeness and healing. Amen*”.

**Who Should Come Forward For the Blessing And Why?** Coming forward indicates your desire that Jesus should meet you at your particular point of need. ***You will not be asked what your particular need is. You need not say anything.*** We practice the presence of God and lay on hands in the Name of Christ – and we leave Him to do His work and bring His gifts in His own way.



**Response of Trust** - Psalms 23:1-6 (ESV)  
Let us pray - ***The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.***

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