

**MESSIAH IN MISSION
SERVICE OF THE WORD & SACRAMENT
GATHERING**

Organ Prelude	“Jesus Lives!” (Stearns)	Doug Hicks
Greetings & Announcements		
Opening Hymn*	“This Joyful Eastertide” (vs.1,3)	No. 391
Easter Acclamation		
P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!		
C: He is Risen Indeed!		
Confession & Forgiveness		screen/insert
Apostolic Greeting		page 120
Canticle of Praise	“This Is The Feast”	pages 122
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading		Acts 5:27-32
Second Reading		Revelation 1:4-8
Gospel Acclamation*		page 124
The Holy Gospel		John 20:19-31
Children’s Message		Sermon
		Pastor Woyen
Hymn of the Day	“We Walk by Faith”	No. 635
Nicene Creed		page 126
Prayers of the People		
P: Hear us O God,		
C: Your mercy is great.		
Passing of the Peace		

MEAL

Piano Offertory	“ The Blood of Jesus Medley” (arr. Marilyn Ham)	Doug Hicks
Offertory Hymn*	“The Doxology”	No. 884
Offertory Prayer		
The Great Thanksgiving		
Preface and Response	“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”	page 129
Words of Institution		
The Lord’s Prayer		page 134
The Lamb of God		page 135
The Distribution		

SENDING

Post Communion Prayer		
The Benediction		
Dismissal		
Sending Hymn	“Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain” (vs. 1,2,5)	No. 363
Sending Prayer		
Postlude	“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” (Culli)	Doug Hicks

In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

We welcome you to **Messiah Lutheran Church**. We pray that you find Jesus in our gathering and worship. A Nursery is available for small children. Large print bulletins are available at the entrance. If you have any questions, feel free to ask one of our ushers, the person sitting next to you, or our pastor.

God bless you today and this week!

We welcome to Christ’s Table all baptized believers who share our confession of faith in the real presence of our crucified and risen Lord in this holy meal. Holy Communion will be distributed at the altar. Those who have not had Communion instruction (either children or adults) are welcome to come forward for a blessing. The ushers will guide you in coming forward. If you have difficulty walking, please indicate to an usher your desire for Communion to be brought to you.

Serving in Worship Today

The Rev. Eileen L. Woyen
Doug Hicks, Music Director

Lay Reader: Bob Porter

Acolyte: Audrey Johnson

The Altar Flowers are given today by Bettie Goodwin in memory of Loved Ones.

Worship Responsibilities for April 10th:

Greeter: Gladys Crane

Lay Reader: OPEN

Acolyte: Christian Shover

New Church Picture Directory in 2016 – It is time!

The Evangelism Committee is excited to announce that we have begun working on a new church picture directory. (Yep, its time! Our last directory is over 4 years old.) We will be bringing in Lifetouch Photography to take pictures here in the Family Life Center on **May 12th, 13th, and 14th**. So mark your calendar today! You’ll be able to sign up for specific photo time slots very soon. Each family/individual photographed will receive a free 8x10 of the church directory portrait and a free copy of the new directory. We need EVERYONE TO GET PHOTOGRAPHED for this directory to be a huge success! If you have an interest in helping in any way, please contact Evangelism Committee Chair Bill Schmiedel or Cristy Ludrosky.