

MESSIAH
LUTHERAN
✠ CHURCH ♥



*Maundy
Thursday*

**April 17, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

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Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church
Believe the Words, "Given and Shed For You!"
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Enter Reverently, Worship Joyfully, Live Faithfully

The word "maundy" comes from the Latin word "commandment." When Jesus first gave His disciples The Lord's Supper, He also gave them a commandment, to "love others." We are all loved by Jesus in this meal and are commanded by Him to love others as He loves us.

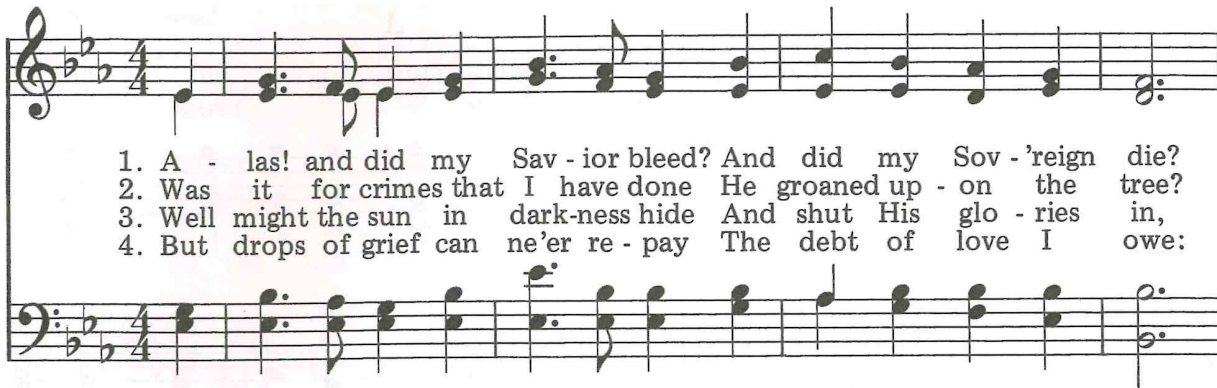
PRELUDE

Rose Ann Sochan

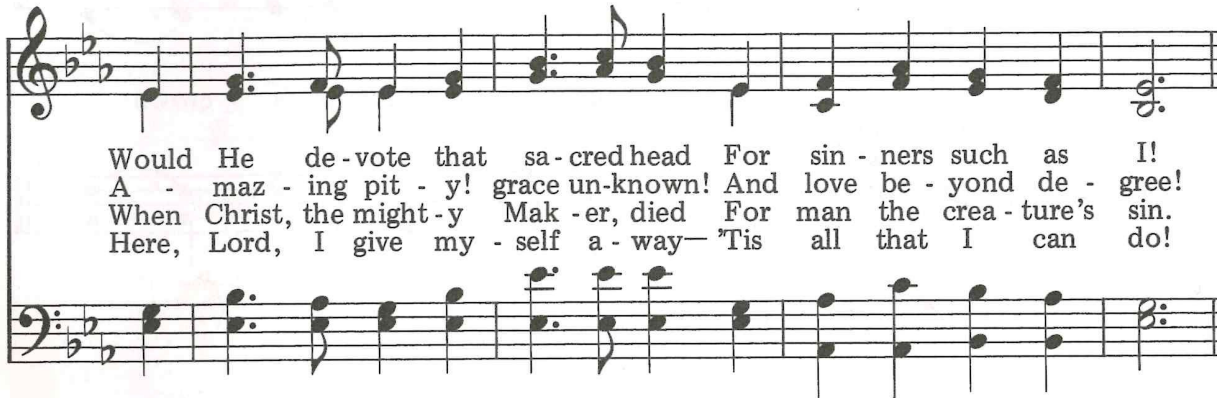
MAUNDY THURSDAY INSTRUCTIONS

HYMN

"At the Cross," #188 v. 1, 2, 4



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed? And did my Sov - 'reign die?
2. Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned up - on the tree?
3. Well might the sun in dark-ness hide And shut His glo - ries in,
4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The debt of love I owe:



Would He de-vote that sa-cred head For sin - ners such as I!
A - maz - ing pit - y! grace un-known! And love be - yond de - gree!
When Christ, the might-y Mak - er, died For man the crea - ture's sin.
Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do!



Refrain
At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light And the



WELCOME

CONFESSION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

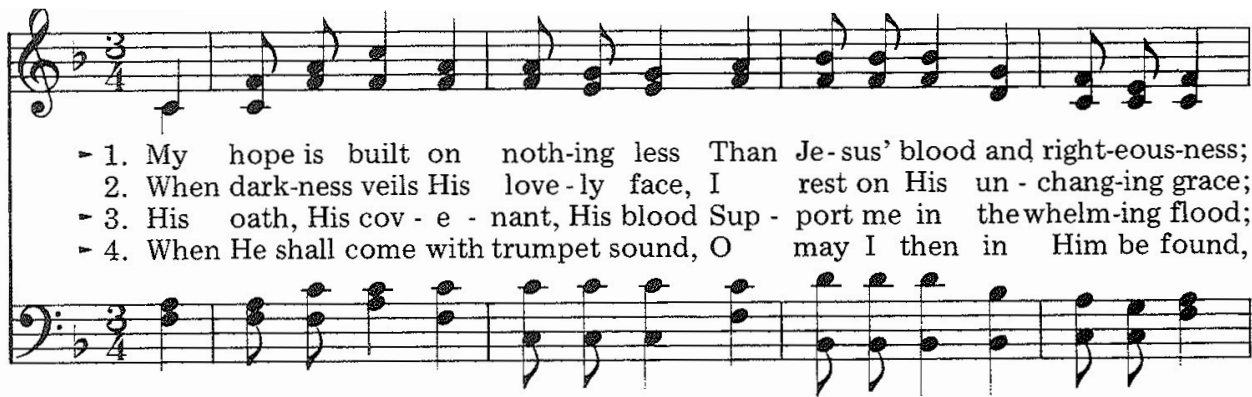
A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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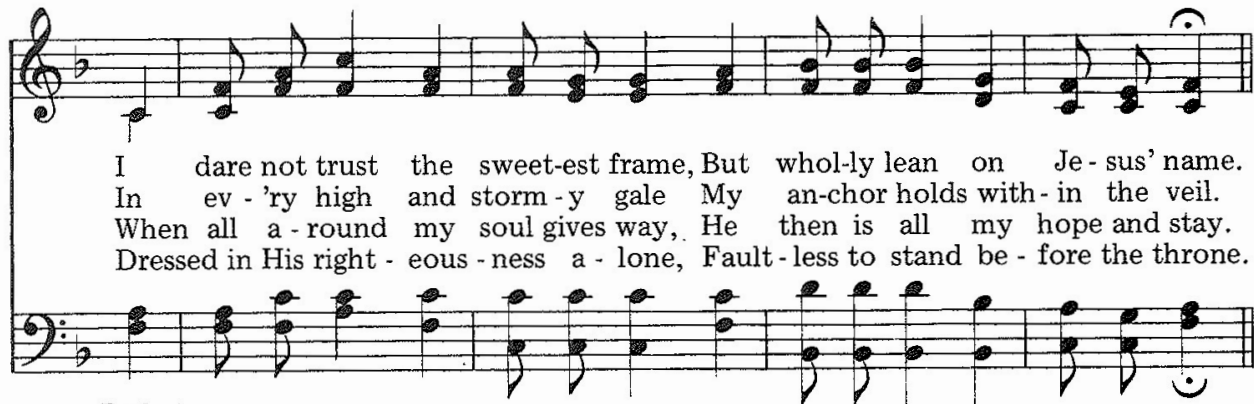


HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Solid Rock", #404 v. 1-4

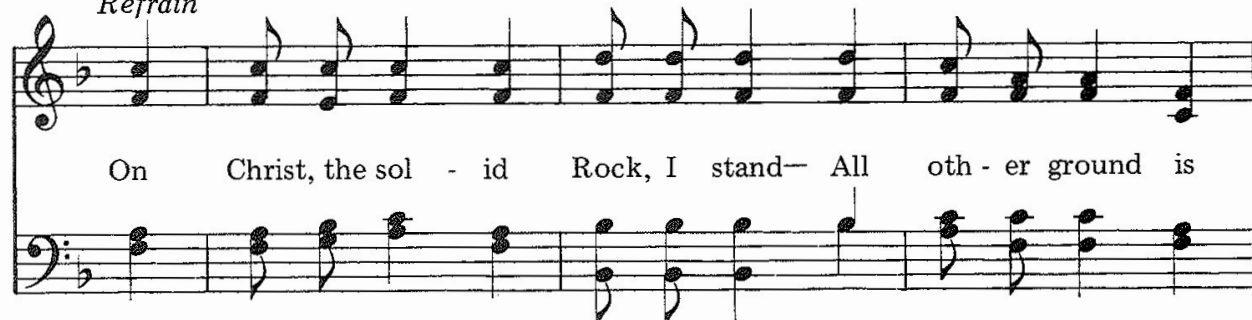


- 1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;
2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un - chang-ing grace;
- 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the whelm-ing flood;
- 4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,

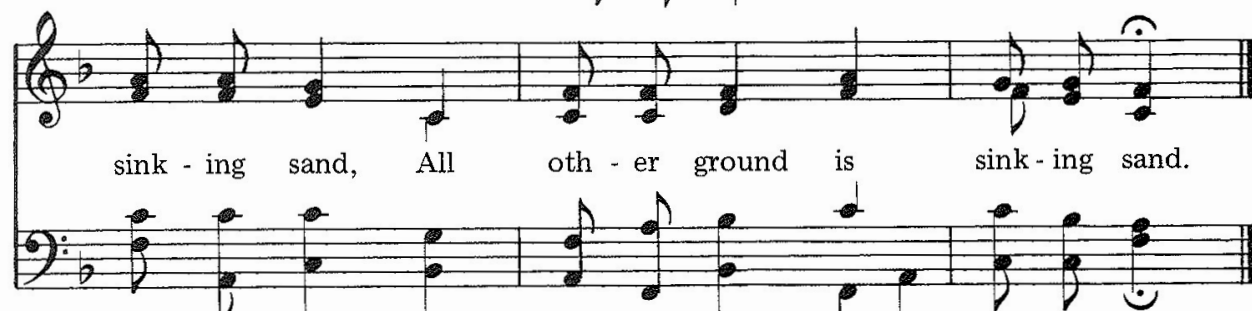


I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My an-chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand— All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NIV)

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Here ends our Gospel lesson for this evening.


All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON


"For You" Pastor Rod Juell

HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together," #323 v. 1-3



1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
2. Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

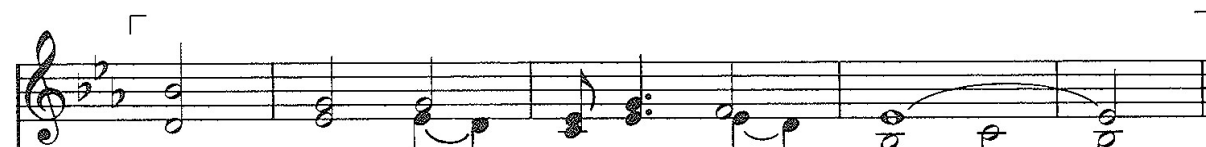


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Let us drink the cup to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees;)

Refrain



When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me.)

WORDS OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition of, "Lord, in your mercy," congregation says, "**hear our prayer.**"

For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to the Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence

Most holy Jesus, for the gift of yourself, thank you. For your Body and Blood as food for our journey through this death-shadowed world, thank you. For your love that forgives us, and strengthens us to love and forgive one another, thank you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make your Church the one place on earth that speaks divine truth through human lips, offers divine forgiveness to the humanly-unforgiveable, lavishes divine love on the humanly-unlovable, and mirrors divine light in the darkest places in human hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw your persecuted Church deeply into the mystery of your Passion. Give it grace to pray, as you did, for the forgiveness and repentance of all who hate you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep this congregation steadfast in faith, constant in hope, and overflowing with love for you and for one another. Use us to lead those far off from your saving presence closer to the foot of your Cross.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Anoint with the healing presence of your most Holy Spirit this poor world that is ravaged by sin, evil, and death. We plead for hatred, prejudice, lies, and bloodshed to cease, and for the pure light of your Gospel to lead all people into your embrace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom, prudence, integrity, and courage to all who stand in harm's way in defense of life, liberty, and justice, here and abroad. Bless all they do that is in accordance with your will. Strengthen and cheer them when they falter; and give patience and hope to their loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the Way, Truth, and Life to everyone who suffers in body, mind, or spirit. Bestow upon them healing, hope, faith, and trust in your good and merciful will.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shelter our beloved dead in the shadow of your wings, dear Jesus, and keep them safe in your eternal care. Walk with us, we humbly pray, even when we are passing through Gethsemane and lingering at Calvary. Give us grace to trustfully say to your heavenly Father, "Thy will be done." And lead us in that bright and eternal Easter wherein we gather with all whom you have redeemed, joyfully adore you, and dwell with you in the power of the Holy Spirit in your Father's house forever. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

"Lamb of God"



☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE FIRST COMMUNION OF OUR CLASS ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Amazing Grace," #202 v. 1-4
"Jesus Paid It All," #210

COMMUNION BLESSING

OFFERING

Rose Ann Sochan

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The ancient practice of Stripping the Altar is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed. While **Psalm 22 is read aloud** by the congregation, designated persons will pick up the communion elements, candlesticks, decorations and cloths on the altar and the pulpit, then quietly carry them from the Sanctuary.

Tomorrow, Jesus will go to the Cross and die for the sins of the world. And three days later He will be raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. Those days rightly overshadow everything else in our lives. As we leave tonight, let us remember the life and sacrifice of Jesus and the wonderful mystery we call The Lord's Supper. So as we return tomorrow, we may silently reflect on the sacrifice our Lord willingly makes on our behalf by going to the Cross.

Following this, we ask you to follow the pastor out of the Sanctuary in a quiet reflective tone, focusing on what was about to happen to our Lord.

PSALM 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
Why are you so far away when I groan for help?

² Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer.
 Every night I lift my voice, but I find no relief.
³ Yet you are holy,
 enthroned on the praises of Israel
⁴ Our ancestors trusted in you,
 and you rescued them
⁵ They cried out to you and were saved.
 They trusted in you and were never disgraced.
⁶ But I am a worm and not a man.
 I am scorned and despised by all!
⁷ Everyone who sees me mocks me
 They sneer and shake their heads, saying,
⁸ "Is this the one who relies on the Lord?
 Then let the Lord save him!
 If the Lord loves him so much, let the Lord rescue him!"
⁹ Yet you brought me safely from my mother's womb
 and led me to trust you at my mother's breast.
¹⁰ I was thrust into your arms at my birth.
 You have been my God from the moment I was born.
¹¹ Do not stay so far from me, for trouble is near,
 and no one else can help me.
¹² My enemies surround me like a herd of bulls;
 fierce bulls of Bashan have hemmed me in!
¹³ Like lions they open their jaws against me,
 roaring and tearing into their prey.
¹⁴ My life is poured out like water,
 and all my bones are out of joint.
 My heart is like wax,
 melting within me.
¹⁵ My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay.
 My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.
 You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead.
¹⁶ My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs;
 an evil gang closes in on me.
 They have pierced my hands and feet.
¹⁷ I can count all my bones.
 My enemies stare at me and gloat.
¹⁸ They divide my garments among themselves
 and throw dice for my clothing.
¹⁹ O Lord, do not stay far away!
 You are my strength; come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Save me from the sword;
 spare my precious life from these dogs.
²¹ Snatch me from the lion's jaws
 and from the horns of these wild oxen.
²² I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters.
 I will praise you among your assembled people.

- ²³ Praise the Lord, all you who fear him!
Honor him, all you descendants of Jacob!
Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy.
He has not turned his back on them,
but has listened to their cries for help.
- ²⁵ I will praise you in the great assembly.
I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
- ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied.
All who seek the Lord will praise him.
Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.
- ²⁷ The whole earth will acknowledge the Lord and return to him.
All the families of the nations will bow down before him.
- ²⁸ For royal power belongs to the Lord.
He rules all the nations.
- ²⁹ Let the rich of the earth feast and worship.
Bow before him, all who are mortal,
all whose lives will end as dust.
- ³⁰ Our children will also serve him.
Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord.
- ³¹ His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born.
They will hear about everything he has done.

DEPART IN REFLECTION

*God will never lead you to a place
where His grace cannot keep you.*



*Welcome family members of our youth
receiving their First Communion!*

God bless our First Communion Class members!

Mia Jurich

Benjamin Ogle

Leah Melton

Bentley Steffen

After finishing a five-week course on The Lord's Supper, these fine young men and women are taking the next step in their faith journey. We celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ and thank God for answering the prayers of their parents, godparents, grandparents and families on their behalf.



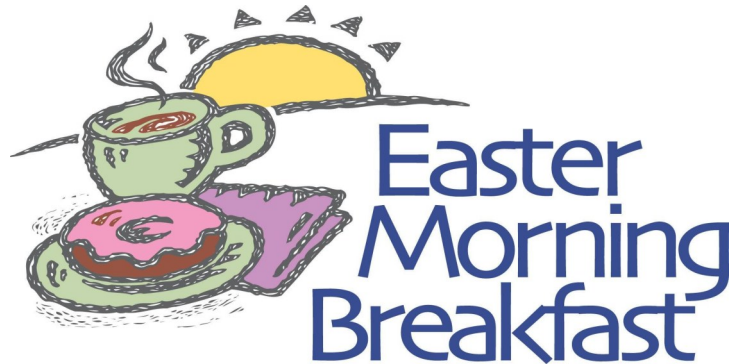
Tenebrae Service

tomorrow evening at 7:00
Sanctuary Choir will perform



Easter Services

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
(No Sunday School)



7:30-11 a.m.

Egg casseroles
Pancakes
Irish potatoes
Cereal and oatmeal
Coffee & decaf
Milk

Biscuits & gravy
Sausage
Pastries & donuts
Fresh fruit
Fruit juices

Served by: Messiah Student Ministries
Cost: Your donation - All proceeds support MSM

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21st.