

Messiah Lutheran Church

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While the office remains closed, it will be staffed from
Tuesday – Friday from 9am – 4pm

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER – MAY 3, 2020

Pastor Fran will provide an Online Worship Service starting at 10:30am, available on the Messiah Facebook website page, and YouTube channel. For those without internet access, a telephone conference call is provided beginning at 10:15am, Sunday, May 3. Please phone the office for details.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Donald Light in their time of loss.



Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their trouble.

Messiah Ministry:

Worship services and gatherings are cancelled, and the church office will remain closed until further notice. On-line services are provided each Sunday, and archived on the Messiah website. Church Council meets every two weeks to review SK Health Authority Covid-19 directives and update plans, with the next meeting on May 12.

To keep in touch and other items of interest:

- Pastor Fran is providing daily devotions on the Messiah Facebook page (archived on the Messiah website), and hosts a weekly coffee chat on Wednesdays at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call.
- Confirmation students are connecting on Sunday afternoons.
- The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team reaches out through telephone.
- Services and resources (including Sunday School) are available across the ELCIC, and a listing is provided on national website - <https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>. There is also a link on the SK Synod ELCIC website.
- Join June and Bruce Anonson each Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm for a time of meditation via Zoom. Contact june.anonson@usask.ca or phone 306.981.2770 to be added to the contact list and receive a schedule.
- Central Lutheran, Moose Jaw, has a 15-minute radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.
- This weekly news/worship bulletin is provided via email, on the Messiah website, and printed copies are delivered.
- ELW (red book) hymnals can be requested for home use.

Heartfelt thanks to all for your financial donations through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, mail, and pick up from your home – call the office for more information on these options. The financial needs of the congregation have not stopped because of the pandemic, and we ask for your prayerful consideration of those needs.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42L47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY: #502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray for gifts that have been given and will be given in the coming week to continue the ministry of the church.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray,

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: #781 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!