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

### FIFTH 5 - SUNDAY AFTER EASTER – MAY 10, 2020

*As part of our Worship Service on May 10, the congregation are invited to find a stone.  
Have a water basin ready, something to dry the stone, and a marker.  
Do not wash your stone right away as we will wash them as part of our worship service.*

Pastor Fran will provide an Online Worship Service starting at 10:30am, available on the Messiah Facebook page, and YouTube channel. For those without internet access, a telephone conference call is provided beginning at 10:15am, Sunday, May 10. Please phone the office for details. Please share this information to your family and friends. All are welcome!



I would like to thank each and every one of you that has sent cards, flowers, treats, phone calls and, cash donations to Messiah in “Memory of Jim”; to everyone who has kept me and my family in their thoughts and prayers. Thank you Pastor Fran for your comforting and powerful prayers and support. I can honestly say I feel the Christian Love around me and I am truly thankful: Vimy. ♥

### 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 (in-person) and gatherings are cancelled, and the church office remains closed until further notice. Church Council meets again on May 12.

To keep in touch and other items of interest:

- Daily devotions are posted on the Messiah Facebook page (and on the Messiah website), and Wednesday coffee chat at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call.
- Confirmation students are connecting on Sunday afternoons until the end of May.
- The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team reaches out through telephone.
- Other Worship Services and resources (including Sunday School):
  1. Listing provided on ELCIC national website, with a link on the SK Synod website - <https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>
  2. Time of meditation with June and Bruce each Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm via Zoom. Contact the church office for log-in access information.
  3. Central Lutheran, Moose Jaw, radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.
  4. ELW (red book) hymnals can be requested from Messiah for home use.

### Financial Update:

Heartfelt thanks to all for your financial donations through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, mail, drop off at the office or pick up from your home – call the office for more information.

2020 March revenue \$7,126	budget \$13,033	2019 March \$14,901
2020 April revenue \$14,061	budget \$21,533	2019 April \$15,608

March and April 2020 Revenue is under budget by \$13,379, and lower by \$9,322 when compared to 2019

Messiah's financial needs have not stopped because of the pandemic, and we ask for your prayerful consideration of those needs for the ministry of our congregation.

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds, we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

We take a moment for God to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

As we begin our Thanksgiving for Baptism, have your stone, basin, towel, and marker ready.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### 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. **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 7:55-60

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

*A reading from Acts.*

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

<sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

*A reading from First Peter*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: John 14: 1-14**

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of

the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MEDITATION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Here by the Water"**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

We offer our prayers for gifts that have been given to continue the ministry of the church.

Let us pray. **Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem so small an offering in thanksgiving for all you have done. Make an abundance of all that is given, so that those who are in need or want in any way may have the support, physical, emotional and spiritual that is needed. Bless these gifts and those who give them, that we may be a blessing to the world in this time of uncertainty. We pray this in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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 praying Lord, in your mercy and responding, **hear our prayer.**

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Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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: #377 "ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!"**

**DISMISSAL**

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**Happy Mother's Day**

**Today, loving God, we pray for our mothers:**

♥who cared for us when we were helpless

♥who comforted us when we were hurt

♥whose love and care we usually took for granted, as we often take your love for granted.

**Today we pray for:**

♥Those who are grieving the loss of their mother, maybe even years after they were separated

♥those who never knew their biological mother, and now yearn for her

♥those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love

♥the families separated in wars Lord, give them special blessings.

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