

Messiah Lutheran Church

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While the office is closed, it is staffed Tuesday – Friday; 9am – 4pm

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JUNE 14, 2020

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

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 time of need.

Our condolences to Muriel Hemstad and families on the passing of her granddaughter Melissa Tirell late of Edmonton, on June 3, 2010. Please keep Hemstad and Rindal families in your prayers at this time.

Our condolences to Elaine & James Sorenson and families on the passing of Elaine's father Abe Heppner on Sunday, June 8, 2020. A private family service will be held. Please keep the Heppner families in your prayers at this time.

Messiah Ministry:

Messiah Council, including Donna Deobald and Vimy Penner, met on Tuesday in consultation with Pastor Ali Tote (Ph.D – Epidemiology) to review the Saskatchewan Health Authority directives and guidance from the SK Synod regarding in-person worship and gatherings. As a church we are encouraged to follow a higher standard of care for our congregation and the community at large, and therefore need to exercise additional caution prior to commencing with in-person worship and gatherings.

With that in mind, Council agreed that online worship services should continue until fall, including virtual Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of each month. In-person services will remain suspended, and the office will remain closed except for essential services (finance, maintenance, etc.). If you have any questions or concerns about this decision, please speak with Pastor Fran or Cheryl Bauer-Hyde.

We regret that our fellowship in normal times through worship, gatherings, potlucks, and dropping into the office is not the 'new normal' yet. Please continue to keep in touch with each other via phone and email. And in an effort to keep us in connected, we would like to hear how you are doing. If you would like to share an update or just to say hello, you can phone or email a message to the office and those messages will be compiled and shared with the congregation through these bulletins.

In addition to Messiah's Online Worship Services, our faith can be supported and strengthened through:

- ❖ Monday to Friday 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.
- ❖ Eternity for Today daily devotions for July – September are available. We have a limited number available so forward your request to Donna as soon as possible.
- ❖ The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team and Pastor Fran reach out through telephone calls.
- ❖ Contact the office to request weekly printed or emailed news/worship bulletins and ELW (red book) hymnals for home use.
- ❖ Other Worship Services and resources:
 - Listing provided on ELCIC national website, with a link on the SK Synod website - <https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>
 - Time of meditation Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm via Zoom; june.anonson@usask.ca or 306.981.2770.
 - Lutheran, Moose Jaw, radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.

As a church, we cannot continue this ministry without your financial donations and thank you for this ongoing support. Donations can be made through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, Canada Helps, mail, drop off at the office mailbox, or pick up from your home – call the office for details.

In other news:

Responding to these unsettled times in the world, the ELCIC Bishops released a letter to congregations regarding 'the ongoing sin of racism in our communities'. The letter is attached for your information.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

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. **God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

A reading from Exodus.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! ²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

A reading from Romans.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon

the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #798 - “Will You Come and Follow Me”

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray 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 physical, emotional and spiritual support 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

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world, praying hear us, O God and responding, **your mercy is great.**

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Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus 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

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #638 "Blessed Assurance"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.