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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JUNE 21, 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.

Messiah Ministry:

As stated in last week's bulletin, 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.). Even with some provincial changes to numbers of people who can attend, the Synod continues to recommend online worship until at least the end of summer. Here is the SK Synod guidelines website link - <https://sasksynod.ca/wp-content/uploads/SK-Synod-Guidelines-and-Checklist-for-In-Person-Worship.pdf>, or if you don't have internet access call the office for a printed copy.

Our fellowship in normal times through worship, gatherings, potlucks, and dropping into the office is not the 'new normal'. Please continue to keep in touch with each other via phone and email. To share news, an update on how you are doing or just to say hello, 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 which 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.
- ❖ The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team and Pastor Fran who reach out through telephone. If you would like a call or have a need of spiritual support, please contact the church office.
- ❖ Reading Scripture, prayer and song. To request your weekly printed or emailed news/worship bulletins and/or would like an ELW (red book) hymnal for home use, please contact the church office.

- ❖ 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. *Pastor Fran will be providing the music and prayer on June 21; please contact June for the access link and join in if you are available.*
 - Lutheran, Moose Jaw, radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.

As a church, we can only continue our ministry through your generous financial and prayer support. Thank you for all the ways you continue to support Messiah, even as we are not meeting in-person yet. 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.



Celebration Weekend has moved online! Join Kinasao this Saturday, June 20, at 7 pm for the live online event. The evening will include music by Jesse Foster, updates from the Leadership Team and board, and celebration of 80 years of ministry! The auction has moved online too and will be open until 9 pm on Saturday. Go to the Kinasao website for information on how to access the weekend events.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND 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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

¹⁷**Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever

loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #802 - “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of the peace with those in your household.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, as we speak it together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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To whom, with you
And the Holy Spirit,
Be all honor and glory,
Now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW #471 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighbourly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #817 - "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

A Father's Day Prayer

Let us pray for those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us pray for those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us pray for those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us pray for those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us pray for those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us pray for those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us pray for those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us pray for those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us pray for those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us pray for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

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