

Messiah Lutheran Church

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 2, 2020

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: Prayers 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 Susie & Bert Gordon on the passing of their brother-in-law, Gordon Cameron late of Moose Jaw, on July 20. Please keep Susie & Bert in your prayers.

Messiah Ministry: Pastor Fran returned from vacation on July 29. Welcome back!

Online worship services will continue until the end of August, including virtual Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of August. In-person services are suspended, and the office will remain closed except for essential services (finance, maintenance, etc.).

You are encouraged to reach out to others if you are able; contact information is in the Messiah directory. Share news, say hello, provided updates for any special events by phoning or emailing the office to be included in the weekly news / worship bulletin.

Council news: Council meets on August 4. A working group will prepare for in-person services starting later in August and, when possible, fellowship gatherings.

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

- ❖ Wednesday coffee chat at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call.
- ❖ To request a weekly printed or emailed news/worship bulletin, ELW (red book) hymnal for home use, Eternity for Today daily devotion booklet, please contact the church office.
- ❖ The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team: if you would like a call or have a need of spiritual support, please contact the church office.

- ❖ Online Worship and other resources such as Vacation Bible School and Bible Studies:
 - Listing provided on ELCIC national website, with a link on the SK Synod website - <https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>
 - Lutheran, Moose Jaw, radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.
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Thank you for all the ways you continue to support Messiah – your prayers and concern for our Messiah family are greatly appreciated. Financial 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.

Camp Kinasao News:

QuaranTEEN Camp: August 9 (ages 14-16)

Adult & Family Canoe Trips: North SK River (August 21 – 24); McLennan Lake (September 11 – 14)

Dessert Banquet: You are invited to come celebrate the conclusion of a strange, but wonderful, summer of ministry and fun at Camp Kinasao for an evening of music, good coffee and delectable desserts on **Saturday, August 15 at 7:00 pm**. Specialty coffee will be supplied by “Overflow” Kinasao coffee company, for the price of a donation to Kinasao. Desserts will be auctioned off to the highest individual bidder, or to the highest-bidding table group, and can be enjoyed that evening, or taken home with you. **Tickets are \$20 per person**. Seating will be arranged to follow physical distancing guidelines, in the chapel and dining shelter with options available for individuals, couples, and family groups/virtual households of up to 6 per table. **Donations of desserts are requested ...** If you have a special dessert to donate, **please let us know!** Desserts will need to be dropped off at the Kinasao kitchen by 4 pm on August 15. Your donation of a dessert will count as your admission to the event! If you are unable to attend the banquet, you can still participate by donating a dessert!

Sunday Worship services begin at 11 am. Due to the limited capacity to comply with COVID-19 guidelines, attendees are asked to register in advance by going to the Kinasao website.

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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

A reading from Isaiah

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE - shared by Pastor Dennis Serfas

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW # 515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray 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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In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; 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.

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

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.

COMMUNION

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW #479 “We Come to the Hungry Feast”

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #843 “Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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