

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Happy Canada Day (belated)!



Pastor Fran will be on vacation from July 6 – 29. During that time please call the office (Donna will be in the office Wednesday – Friday), or phone / email Cheryl at 306.961.2967; cbauerhyde@gmail.com if you require assistance.

Online worship services lead by lay people will continue beginning July 12 at 10:30am each Sunday. Please access services through the YouTube channel, Facebook page or on the Messiah website. 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!

Online worship services will continue until the end of August, including virtual Holy Communion this Sunday, and 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.).

In mission with others,
Pastor Fran & Church Council

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – July 5, 2020

Virtual Holy Communion

There will be 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 Sunday at 10:15am. Phone 1.800.967.7148; when requested enter access code 182219 #. Please share this information to your family and friends. 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 Randi Arnot and Dan Heffernan and family on the passing of Randi's mother, Vonnie Arnot, on Monday, June 29, 2020. Please keep the Arnot / Heffernan family in your prayers.

Messiah Ministry:

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 meets next on July 28, and will put together a working group to prepare for in-person services starting later in August as well as plans for fellowship gatherings such as a weekly coffee time, bring your own 'potluck' lunch, or any other ideas you might share, as we continue through these unexpectedly changing times and reach out to stay connected in the body of Christ.

Other Council news (repeated from last week): A camera system will be purchased to continue filming the worship services and providing online access even when in-person services continue. Work will be done to replace the foam (flat) sections of the roof as leaks continue as a result of rain and melting snow. There is a significant cost at approximately \$30,000, so a special roof appeal will be shared with the congregation in the fall. If you have any questions about the project, please call Wayne at 306.960.1074.

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

- ❖ Wednesday coffee chat at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call.
- ❖ The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team: 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.
- ❖ 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.

Thank you for all the ways you continue to support Messiah, even as we are not meeting in-person – your prayers and concerns 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.

For those who are interested, there are two excellent opportunities for people to take part in courses to grow in cultural awareness and sensitivity around First Nations/Indigenous culture: University of Alberta: www.coursera.org/learn/indigenous-canada; and Sask Polytechnic: saskpolytech.ca/news/posts/2019/indigenous-mooc.aspx

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,

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

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.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #611 - “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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.

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.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

As you share these gifts of grace, wherever you are, we taste and see that the Lord is good. If you are not communing today, trust and know that God will fill you with joy and peace in believing. And we all say, thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW #487 - "What Feast of Love"

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 #674 - "Let us Talent and Tongues Employ"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.