

Messiah Lutheran Church

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 9, 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.

Messiah Ministry: Online worship services will continue, including virtual Holy Communion on the third Sunday 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: A working group has been established to prepare for in-person services starting on August 30. Provincial and SK Synod guidelines will be followed including restrictions on number of people attending, pre-registration, and use of marks. In addition, the office will open on a restricted access basis beginning September 1, for church-related activity. Further details will be provided as they are developed. Your patience, understanding and support is greatly appreciated.

Please pray for the working group, and Messiah staff and Council, as we work through the process to re-open the church building.

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.
- ❖ 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.

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.

News from Brooklynn Lane: *I am excited to announce that I have accepted a call to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, NS and in shared ministry with Mount Calvary, Upper Northfield, NS. I am looking forward to this new chapter in my life and seeing where God is guiding me. God's blessings to Pastor Brooklynn, and the congregations of St. John's Lutheran and Mount Calvary.*

Camp Kinasao News:

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Volunteer services are in tremendous need of people under the age of 65 as directed by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health to help with the essential service of delivering Meals on Wheels in Prince Albert, Kinistino and Birch Hills during this pandemic. Arrangements are very flexible; it could be once per week or once or twice per month. Meals are delivered daily Monday – Friday, pickup time is 10:45 from the Starlight Restaurant in Prince Albert, Birchview Home in Birch Hills and Jubilee Lodge in Kinistino. It usually takes about 1 hour. **Deliver nutritious meals and share a smile with th**
Meals on Wheels Coordinator to sign up: Email: volunteers@paphr.sk.ca; Phon



Elections Saskatchewan - 2020 Provincial Election: For those interested in work advance voting, please register on: elections.sk.ca/takepart. **Youth Workers 16 ye** interested can apply at: elections.sk.ca/youthworker. If you have any questions you contact: **Dave Linden**, Returning Officer – Prince Albert Carlton, ro26@elections.sk.ca.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

A reading from First Kings.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MEDITATION - "Sink or swim?"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #794 - "Calm to the Waves"

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray for gifts that have been given to continue the ministry of the church.

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 your grace. Bless the gifts we offer now and those who give them, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

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, 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. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #756 - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.