

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Donna will be on vacation for the weeks of August 17 and 24, returning on September 1.
Please phone the office to leave a message or contact Pastor Fran if you require assistance.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – AUGUST 16, 2020

The Online Worship Service, including virtual Holy Communion will start at 10:30 am, and is 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: In-person services are suspended for August 16 and 23, and the office will remain closed except for essential services (finance, maintenance, etc.).

Council news: The working group is meeting 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 masks. 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 are 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.

You are encouraged to reach out to others if you are able; contact information is in the Messiah directory. You can share some news or just say hello. If you would like to contribute anything in the weekly news / worship bulletin, phone or email the office.

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:

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

Dessert Banquet: 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 will conclude on August 23. 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 those in need!** **Meals on Wheels Coordinator to sign up:** Email: volunteers@paphr.sk.ca; Phone: 306-938-2222



Elections Saskatchewan - 2020 Provincial Election: For those interested in work advance voting, please register on elections.sk.ca/takepart. **Youth Workers 16 years and older** interested can apply at elections.sk.ca/youthworker. If you have any questions, visit elections.sk.ca or 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 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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.⁸Thus says the Lord GOD who gathers the outcasts of Israel I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.]"

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MEDITATION: "Crumbly Grace"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #617 – "We Come to You for Healing, Lord".

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.

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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.

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...

...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 comity 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#466 – “In the Singing”

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: WOV #675 – “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.