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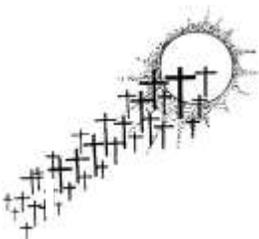
The office is open on a limited basis for church related activity: Tuesday – Friday from 10am – 4pm. Please note that the use of hand sanitizer and masks will be required for anyone entering the office with the exception of the church staff and financial volunteers.

**Worship for Sunday, October 25, 2020
Reformation Sunday, Year A**

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. is in-person and LIVE on our YouTube channel. **Please pre-register if you plan to attend the in-person service** by phoning or emailing the Messiah office. SK Health and SK Synod guidelines regarding physical distancing will be followed including adjustments to the service. Masks will be worn and can be provided if you do not have one. If there are technical issues with the LIVE service, the recorded version will be available on the Messiah Facebook page and Website by 1:00 pm on Sunday.

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.

➤ **All Saint's Sunday – November 1**



On Sunday, November 1, we celebrate All Saints Sunday. It is an opportunity to remember those who have passed since the last All Saints Sunday. Their names will be read, and a candle lit by a volunteer during the service. If you would like your loved one included as part of this remembrance, please contact the Messiah office.

- **Starting November 1, Messiah will resume offering communion.** This will be offered in one element: a piece of bread/gluten-free wafer. The efficacy, or value, of the communion is not diminished by receiving only one element as the grace extended in one element is sufficient, according to Martin Luther and the reformers. The communion bread will be placed individually in a small, sealed bag and distributed in the narthex (foyer). After you have put on your mask and sanitized your hands, you will be invited to take your bread with you to your pew. Then at the time of communion, we can open our bags and receive communion at the same time. Please take your bags home with you to recycle. For those joining us online, you will be invited, once again, to set your table at home and to commune with the gathered community

- **Meatballs for Sale** Although the Beef Supper has been cancelled for this year, trays of meatballs (sweet & sour sauce or plain) will be for sale beginning November 2. The cost will remain the same as previous years at \$15/tray.



Orders can be placed by contacting the Messiah office: phone 306.763.7374; email messiah@sasktel.net. You will be contacted to confirm your order and to make pick up or delivery arrangements.

For more information or questions, phone Wayne (306.960.1074) or Cheryl (306.961.2967).

Not only will you be supporting Messiah's ministry with your purchase, but you'll have delicious meatballs for a quick and easy meal.

Announcements:

1. **Can you help out?** We are looking for volunteers to read the lessons, usher/greet, and operate the power point. If you are attending in-person, we ask that you consider helping out from time to time. The protocols are quite straight forward and guidance is provided. Call the Messiah office to sign up.
2. The **Lectionary Bible Study** is being offered **Wednesday at 10am and 7pm every week**. This study follows the lectionary (cycle of Scripture readings on Sunday mornings). The reading, study, and conversation happens either in-person or online using a zoom link. Please email or call the Messiah office or Pastor Fran to receive the link.
3. **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.
4. **Confirmation** by Zoom October 25 @ 7:00 p.m.



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GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW #504 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” vs. 1, 2 & 4

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.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p 151**GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

The holy gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE: "Ever-Reforming"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #779 "Amazing Grace" vs. 1, 3 & 5

APOSTLE'S CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

OFFERING PRAYER

In praise and thanksgiving to God, we offer our thanks for the gifts of time, talent, and resources that have been given to support all the ministries of the church.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, praying Lord, in your mercy and responding **hear our prayer**.

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Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us how 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

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and Holy Spirit,

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #733 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.