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**Pastor Fran** will be away for a week of vacation and a week of study time, beginning November 2 returning November 16. For immediate contact, please phone Cheryl Bauer Hyde (306-961-2967).

The office is open on a limited basis for church related activity: Tuesday – Friday;

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.

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**Worship for Sunday, November 1, 2020**

**All Saints Sunday - Holy Communion**

**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.

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**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.

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**Our condolences to Olga Routley and family,** on the passing of her brother-in-law Wayne Stockton on Friday, October 23. Please keep the Stockton / Routley families in your prayers at this time.

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**Our Saints gone before us:**

Deanna Rindal, Gordon Tomtene, Gary Hanson, Linda Fornal, Evelyn Finch, Elsie Renas, Melvin Klassen, Robin Gresko, Jim Penner, Donald Light, Sonia Heebner, Ione Martodam, Howard Dubray, Sam Soloducha, Elsie Soloducha, Steve Soloducha, Carl Faber, Leslie Wagner, Richard Wagner, Lil McQuarrie, Melissa Tirell, Abe Heppner, Roger Schmid, Vonnie Arnot, Ernie Rock, Midred Litzenger, Gordon Cameron, Jim O'Neil, Fred Routley, Wayne Stockton, Peter Edwards, Fred Perrin, Ted Pister, Lois Finnestad, Ruth Jensen, Adita Torres, Ida Graupe, Audrey Jensen, Emily Thomsen, Pierce Waters, John Hesje, Pearl Hesje, Peter Kowalishen, Marcella Kowalishen, Colin Woodyly, Baby Jolene Mayer, George Haugen, Kerna Haugen, Bennie Tunem, Clara Tunem, Gail Bearwald, Victor LaLonde, Alice Lalonde, Alfred Bender, Elsie Bender, Albert Serfas, Bentlee Carrier, for all the little ones who became Angels before their parents could hold them, and those we name out loud or quietly in our hearts . . .

**Today in worship 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](mailto: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. 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. **Note: on November 4 and 11, the 10am bible study will be via zoom online only.** Please email or call the Messiah office to receive the link. **The evening bible study @ 7pm will still happen at the church on November 4 and 11.**
2. **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.
3. **Confirmation** by Zoom November 1 @ 7:00 p.m. There will be no Confirmation classes on November 8 and 15. Classes will resume by Zoom on November 22.



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All Saints Sunday - Holy Communion**

**GATHERING**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION**

**GATHERING SONG: ELW #532 "Gather Us In" (Vs. 1 & 2)**

**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, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Revelation 7:9-17**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

*A reading from Revelation.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 34:1-10, 22**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

*A reading from First John.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
<sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** – "Who are the saints?"

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #422 "For All the Saints" (Vs. 1, 5 & 6)**

## REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

God has given us the gift of one another as pilgrims and companions in this journey of life. Today, we remember our saints, those beloved who have passed, as we give thanks for their presence in our lives.



We remember them now as we light a candle in their memory . . .

Let us pray,

God of grace and glory, we thank you for giving us these beloved ones and those we name aloud or silently now...to be our companions in this life. In your boundless compassion console us who mourn. Grant that we may see in death the gateway to everlasting life in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. In Christ, we are assured that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Beloved of God, longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need, praying Hear us, O God, and responding **Your mercy is great.**

. . .

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **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 for all of the gifts we receive.

Let us pray,

**God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

As we walk through the Great Thanksgiving and as we share communion here and in your home, we do so believing that it is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who unites us in all times and in all places. Find comfort that this is God's gift of grace for you and for all who gather in-person and online in our worship today.

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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn saying:

**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**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 We await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 unite us Holy Spirit, as we share the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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 we share these gifts of grace, wherever we 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 #472 "Eat This Bread"**

**TABLE BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always.

**(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: ELW #423 “Shall We Gather at the River” (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)**

**DISMISSAL**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**