

Messiah Lutheran Church

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The Messiah office is opened Tuesday – Friday from 10am – 4pm for limited church-related matters. Note the use of hand sanitizer and wearing of masks is required for anyone entering the building.

Worship for Sunday, January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

ELW Holy Communion

Musician: Colleen Bowen

Reader: Wayne Hyde

Camera: Merv Bender

PowerPoint: Cheryl Bauer Hyde

As we are not worshipping in-person at this time (see announcement on page 2), online Worship Services are live on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. You can view this live by going to the Messiah Lutheran Church Prince Albert YouTube page and look for “live” feed. If there are technical issues, the recorded service will be available on Messiah Facebook page and Website by 1:00 p.m. 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.

This Week

- **Confirmation** on Zoom, Sundays at 7 p.m.
- **Lectionary Bible Study** continues each **Wednesday morning @ 10 a.m.** and each **Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. on Zoom.** Call the Messiah office for the log-in information.

Announcements:

Prayer Petitions: Please consider writing a prayer petition! Prayers are inspired by all the ways that God is revealed to us. And as we are in the season of Epiphany, which means revealing, we would like to ask you to write a prayer petition that will be included in Sunday worship service. These “Petitions” are usually 2 sentences and reflect a need in the world, the church, or in the community. Please have them to the Messiah office by Thursday at noon to be included in the following Sunday during the month of January.

In-Person Worship: Council met on January 19, and determined that pandemic circumstances have not improved and there continues to be a need for caution with respect to meeting in-person. Council will meet again on February 23, and will review guidance from the SK Synod and the Saskatchewan Health Authority. The decision to remain with virtual services and phone/electronic connection only is not an easy one, and we ask for the support and prayers of the Messiah congregational family. Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Fran or any member of Messiah Council if you have questions or concerns.

2021 Offering Envelopes & Donation Options

For those people who would like 2021 Offering Envelopes, contact the Messiah office to make arrangements to pick them up or have them sent to you. Please note that your offering number doesn't change from year to year so you can use envelopes left from 2020 and previous years, or write your name and number on a plain envelope. If you are not sure about your envelope number, please contact the office.

E-transfer is an option for those who have online access to their bank account, as well as automatic withdrawals from your financial institution or Canada Helps. Please phone or email the Messiah office for information on these ways of donating.

Thank you for the ongoing financial support. The Messiah ministry relies on these contributions in addition to the numerous volunteers that contribute their time and talents.



JANUARY 31 YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

PSALM 111

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW# 664 “El Cielo Canta Alegría”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray, **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah’s dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question “On whom should God have mercy?”

A reading from Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.”

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark in the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: Gone Fishin’

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #817 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”, vs. 1 & 2

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need saying let us pray, and responding, **Have mercy, O God.**

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Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

As we walk through the Great Thanksgiving and as we share communion here and at home, we do so believing that it is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit who unites us in all times and in all places. This is God's gift of grace for you even as we gather 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 leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your 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 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 One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

As we share our communion at home, you may say "this is the body of Christ given for you", as you consume the bread or wafer. And you may say "this is the blood of Christ given for you", as you consume the wine or grape juice.

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,

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #866 "We are Marching in the Light"**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Shine the light of Christ everywhere.

Thanks be to God.