

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

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Pastor Fran will return from Study Leave on March 24. If you are in need of pastoral assistance, please contact the Messiah office or call Cheryl Bauer Hyde @ 306-961-2967.

For the week of March 22-26, the Messiah office will be open 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.

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**Worship for Sunday, March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**Assisting with Worship:** Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Colleen Bowen, Merv Bender,  
Lois Manchur, Madison Pettem

Messiah Worship Services are live on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am (in-person services are suspended at this time) by going to the Messiah Lutheran Church Prince Albert YouTube page and look for “live” feed. To watch the service at a later time or if there are technical issues, the recorded service will be available on Messiah Facebook page and Website by 1:00 pm each 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.



**Our condolences to May Janzen and family on the passing of her husband, Alvin Janzen. Alvin passed away on March 14, and his funeral was held on Friday, March 19, at St. Christopher’s Anglican Church in Christopher Lake. Interment to follow at the Elbow Cemetery.**



**If you are wishing to donate flowers for Easter Sunday, call Messiah office to arrange a time to drop off the flowers. If you wish to have names published in the bulletin you will need to call the office by Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## This Week

- **No Confirmation March 21, 2021.**
- **Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday morning @ 10 am, and Wednesday evening on Zoom** following the Lenten Devotion as outlined below. Please contact the Messiah office or Pastor Fran for login information.
- **The last Lenten Devotion will be held Wednesday evening @ 7pm.**  
The Lectionary Bible Study will follow for those that would like to participate in it as well.



Services will be Live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

<p>April 1 @ 7pm – Maundy Thursday Service          April 2 @ 11am – Good Friday Service          April 4 @ 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service</p>
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Please see page 6 for information about 'Journey Through Holy Week' with Bishop Sid Haugen.

## KINASAO'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Kinasao's Annual General Meeting is coming up on **Sunday, March 28, 2:00 pm, via Zoom**. Pre-registration for the meeting is required, and can be accessed through the Kinasao website. Messiah is a member congregation of Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp. Therefore all members of our congregation are eligible to vote at the Kinasao AGM. Please plan to attend and join the discussion on many important upcoming matters — details are provided in the Annual Report, available on Kinasao's website.



## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 801 - "Change My Heart, O God"**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray, **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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 Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 189, Setting 8, “Let Your Steadfast Love”**

**GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

The holy gospel according to John in the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus’ words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** by Pastor Tim Wray who serves Lutheran Church of the Master in Airdire, AB

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 465 -“As the Grains of Wheat”

### **APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

### **PRAYER**

*God blesses us through prayer.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

We give thanks for the gifts given to Messiah to continue its ministry: gifts of time, talent and resources. Let us pray for what has been offered and received.

Let us pray, merciful God,  
**everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need, praying Hear us O God, and responding, **Your mercy is great.**

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We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, 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**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity ✠.

(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW# 538 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God.

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*The Saskatchewan Synod of the ELCIC  
invites you to join Bishop Sid on a*

## **Journey through Holy Week**

<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>

*For those interested, visiting breakout rooms  
will follow worship on Wed. and Sat.*

**Join us on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 843 1786 2145 Password: 306**