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For the week of April 27 - 30, the Messiah office will be open Tuesday – Friday from 10am - 4pm for church-related matters only. Note the use of hand sanitizer and wearing of masks is required for anyone entering the building.



**Worship for April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B**

Messiah Worship Services are live on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am (in-person services are suspended) 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.

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 Bert Schmid on the passing of his wife, Darlene Shirley Schmid, on April 19, 2021. A small family gathering will be held. Interment to take place at later date in Radisson, SK. Please keep Bert and his family in your prayers at this time.

This Week

- **April 25 @ 11:30 a.m. – Online Sunday School.** Please contact the Messiah office or Pastor Fran for login information. Contact Messiah during regular office hours for pick up / delivery of the April resource packets.
- **Confirmation on Sunday, April 25 @ 7pm.**
- **Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday morning @ 10 am, and Wednesday evening @ 7pm on Zoom.** Please contact the Messiah office or Pastor Fran for login information.
- **Eternity for TODAY** (daily scripture reading for reflection and prayer): a few copies of the April – June 2021 edition are available by contacting the Messiah office, which includes contributions from both Pastor Fran and Pastor Iris.
**If you would like a copy on a regular basis, please call the Messiah office and your name will be put on a list for you to receive one! Next issue will be available at the end of June for the July – September edition.



Messiah Annual General Meeting Sunday, June 6 at 1:30pm

The format and location of the annual meeting will be determined, subject to SK Health Authority and SK Synod Guidelines.

The Annual Report and proposed Constitutional documents are posted on the Messiah website under the Annual Reports tab. If you would like a printed copy or to have the documents emailed to you, please call the Messiah office.



Sask Synod (ELCIC) 2021 Convention

Theme: “*Walking together: on the road to Emmaus* (Lk 24.13-35).”

June 4 & 5, 2021 - Virtual convention: due to the pandemic, the convention will be delivered on the Zoom platform. This past year has been a challenging year for our synod: for the congregations and ministries and for the people. We have walked a road full of uncertainties this past year. But we do not walk alone. We are walking together. And we are walking with Jesus on the road to Emmaus—on the road to Hope.

CALL FOR MESSIAH DELEGATES

Messiah can appoint two lay delegates to the convention. If you are interested in attending, please contact:

Cheryl at 306.961.2967 or cbauerhyde@gmail.com

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#821 “Shout to the Lord”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love, we fulfill God's commandments.

A reading from First John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John in the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf?"

SERMON: "Portrait of a Shepherd"

Silence for Reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #502 "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" vs. 1, 2 & 6

APOSTLES' 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. We give thanks for what has been offered and received.

Let us pray, **God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love praying, Hear us O God, and responding **Your mercy is great.**

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In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; 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

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
 The God of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Three-Fold Sung Amen.

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

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!