

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

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Pastor Fran will be away May 4 – 10.

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 May 4 - 7, 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.

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**Worship for Sunday, May 2, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B**  
**Holy Communion**

**Assisting with Worship:** Merv Bender, Elaine Serfas, Harvey Jacobsen, Donna Deobald

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.

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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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## This Week

- **Help Needed:** If you would like to help out with PowerPoint or Scripture readings during the worship services, please contact the Messiah office. You are needed! ♥
- **May 2 @ 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 May resource packets.
- **Lectionary Bible Study on 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 Constitution/Bylaw documents are posted on the Messiah website under the Annual Reports tab. To request 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](mailto:cbauerhyde@gmail.com)

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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.**

Let us pray, **O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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: Acts 8:26-40

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

#### **A reading from Acts.**

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

**SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21**

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

**A reading from First John.**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"**

**GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

The holy gospel according to John in the fifteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Plugged In"**

**SERMON: "Grafted on the Vine"***Silence for Reflection***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #377 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (Vs. 1 & 3)****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. **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**

We pray, giving thanks for all God has given us and that which we now entrust to God for use in our congregation and community. 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.**

**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 wherever you are.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**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, 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****INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied. **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,

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 #543 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

**DISMISSAL**

Grow in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**