

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

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For the week of May 18 - 21, the Messiah office will be open Tuesday 10am - 4pm,  
Wednesday – Friday from 10am – noon for church-related matters only.  
Note the use of hand sanitizer and wearing of masks is required for anyone entering the building.

***Please note that Messiah Council meets on Tuesday, May 19, and will consider resuming in-person services on May 30 (Confirmation Sunday). Stay tuned for more information next week.***

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**Worship for Sunday, May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B  
Holy Communion**

**Assisting with Worship:** Merv Bender, Colleen Bowen, Vimy Penner  
Messiah Worship Services are live on Sunday mornings at 10:30am (in-person services are suspended) on the the Messiah Lutheran Church Prince Albert YouTube page; look for “live” feed. 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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The Messiah church family would like to express our condolences to Gordon, and the family and friends of his beloved wife, Diana Dixon. Diana passed away on May 7th. A retired priest, Gordon has led service and preached at Messiah, and both have been active members for many years. Diana will be missed and lovingly remembered by many. **Diana’s funeral service will be live-streamed on Messiah Lutheran Church Prince Albert YouTube page at 4pm on Saturday, May 15, 2021.**

We would also like to express our condolences to the friends and family of Martha Laxdal who passed away suddenly last Sunday, May 9. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and their family especially in this time. We will miss Martha's faithfulness and exuberant singing in worship services! A private family interment will take place.

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## This Week

- **May 16 @ 11:30 a.m. – Online Sunday School.** This will be the last Sunday school lesson for the year!
- **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! The 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](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, **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

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

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

**A reading from First John.**

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW#172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”****GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

The holy gospel according to John in the seventeenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this reading the church hears Jesus’ words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “In the Maze”****SERMON: “Pray all Ways”**

*Silence for Reflection*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #843 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

**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**

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**

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 #535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"**

### **DISMISSAL**

Grow in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**