

## Messiah Lutheran Church

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For the week of June 1 - 4, 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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**Update from Messiah Council:** In person services has resumed! On-line services will continue to be available live each Sunday, and taped for later viewing. Saskatchewan Health Authority Covid-19 restrictions limit worship attendance to **70 people** (30% of our maximum seating). **Pre-registration is required** so please contact the Messiah office by phone or email which will also be checked on Saturday and Sunday prior to the service. In addition, covid requirements – **wearing of masks, physical distancing, and hand sanitizing upon entry to Messiah – remain in place.** *We look forward to coming together in worship either in person or through virtual attendance*

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### Worship for Sunday, May 30, 2021 Confirmation Sunday

#### Confirmands

Kylee, Jackson, Madison, Graham, Ashton, Lucas



***Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole stair case, just take the first step.***  
~ Martin Luther King Jr.

We have so much to rejoice and be glad about today! These young people whom you have known since they were babes-in-arms have grown into the strong, intelligent, and creative people you see before you. They have studied the Word of God and heard the stories of Jesus' walk in this world. They are equipped to shine God's love in hard times and good times. They have also learned they need family and friends to walk it out with them. And most importantly they affirm today their faith and trust in God, who loves them and calls them His own.

**"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"**





### 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

- **Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesdays evening @ 7pm on Zoom.** Please contact the Messiah office or Pastor Fran for login information.
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### Messiah Annual General Meeting Sunday, June 6, at 11:30am following Worship Service

Pre-registration is required, and all Saskatchewan Covid-19 Public Health Orders will be followed - wearing of masks, hand sanitizing, and physical distancing.

**Please note that Council Elections will be held - contact the Nominating Committee (Wayne Manchur or Paula Sundbo for more information).**

The Annual Report and 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, please call the Messiah office

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### **Abide in My Love: Cross-Canada Online Celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

For over 100 years, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) has gathered Christians around the world in ecumenical prayer and fellowship. The worldwide WPCU is traditionally held in January and during the Pentecost season. This year's theme, *Abide in My Love and You Shall Bear Much Fruit (John 15:5-9)*, calls us to nourish unity with God and with one another through prayer, contemplative silence, and common action. Amid this year's unique challenges and possibilities, [The Canadian Council of Churches](#) and its ecumenical partners, [The Canadian Centre for Ecumenism](#) and [The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism](#), invite you to a special event

**Saturday, June 5, 3:00 - 4:00 pm EDT (1:00 - 2:00 pm in Saskatchewan)**

**Register on Eventbrite: <https://wpcu-2021-spuc.eventbrite.ca>**

*This event is bilingual (English and French), with simultaneous translation in both languages.*

*This online celebration is free for all who would like to attend, but a small contribution to offset the cost is welcomed.*

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW #819 “Come All You People”**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray, **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

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

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

*This reading narrates Isaiah’s vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing “Holy, holy, holy,” a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God’s glory. That glory is God’s mercy toward sinners.*

#### **A reading from Isaiah.**

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

### PSALM 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17**

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.*

**A reading from Romans.**

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia” ELW, p. 179 (setting 7)****GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**

The Holy Gospel according to John in the Third Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus’ miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

**MESSAGE: Pastor Fran****FAITH STATEMENTS: CONFIRMANDS (Jackson, Graham, Madison)****HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #581 “You are Mine” (vs. 1 & 2)****FAITH STATEMENTS: CONFIRMANDS (Kylee, Ashton, Lucas)****HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #581 “You are Mine” (vs. 3 & 4)**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*God affirms the promises of Baptism and Confirmands affirm their faith and trust in God*

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God with **Jackson, Graham, Ashton, Madison, Kylee and Lucas** as they make affirmation of their baptism into Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *Confirmands:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Confirmands:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Confirmands:* I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### Affirmation

**Jackson, Graham, Ashton, Madison, Kylee, and Lucas**, you have made profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example  
of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Confirmands:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in **Jackson, Graham, Ashton, Madison, Kylee, Lucas** the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

**Jackson, Graham, Ashton, Madison, Kylee, and Lucas**, we rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

**PRESENTATIONS:** Cheryl Bauer Hyde, Council Chairperson

### **PEACE**

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

We share a sign of that peace.

### **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, **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**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer, praying Lord in your mercy and responding, **hear our prayer.**

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We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace in Jesus' name, 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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Sung Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: ELW #540 - "Go, Make Disciples" (2X)**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**