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**Messiah office hours this week:** Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am - 2pm; Wednesday 1 - 2pm

Pastor Fran will be on holidays November 3-9, returning to the office November 10.

For pastoral assistance, please contact **Cheryl @ 306-961-2967**

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**Worship for Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**Reformation Sunday**

**Sunday Worship Service:** In person and live broadcast on-line, begins at 10:30am. The wearing of masks is mandatory; Covid vaccinations and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Offering is collected at the entry to the Sanctuary. The service is taped for later viewing on the Messiah Facebook page and website.

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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; given them courage and hope in their time of need.**



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***This Week:***

- ▶ **Reformation Sunday** - all are invited to wear **red** today as we celebrate the birth of the Lutheran Church and the Holy Spirit's fire that inspired Martin Luther.
- ▶ **Sunday School TODAY** at 11:45am, right after Worship Service on Zoom (call the Messiah office or Pastor Fran for the link).
- ▶ **No Confirmation today** or next Sunday, November 7. Confirmation will resume on November 14.

**Thursday: Bible Study** with Pastor Fran leading a study on "Spirituality and Trauma" through Camp Kuriakos. You're invited to participate via Zoom for either the morning or evening. Note: times will change when Alberta moves to standard time on November 7:

Morning registration: November 4, **9am AB & SK Time**. Register in advance:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEsfumugzoiE9XFrb39r5zDPnRPEKzsv1yb>

Evening registration: November 4, **7pm AB & SK Time**. Register in advance:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZIsdeGsrz8vGtf45ZuqVAI-Dx\\_h-f0RRRFQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZIsdeGsrz8vGtf45ZuqVAI-Dx_h-f0RRRFQ)

We will be celebrating ***All Saints Sunday*** on November 14. If you would like your loved one to be remembered and named in the service, please call or email the Messiah office. Cut off for submitting names is November 10 at noon!

We are looking for **Worship Assistants** for November. The sign up sheet is in the narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher, or operate power point. Thank you, in advance, for serving in this way!

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### ***40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism***

Delve deeply into anti-racism work with a 40-day time of learning, reflection, and advocacy! Each day from Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, November 26 (with the exception of Sundays) there will be a new reflection on anti-racism, as well as activities suitable for adults and children. These activities can be done alone, as a family, or in groups. During the 40 days, there will be different online events where you can gather and engage with the content from that day. Sign up for the newsletter to keep up-to-date with the latest developments! For more information, see:

<https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

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### ***EXPLORING OUR SACRED TEXTS:***

All are invited to join this online series with Jewish, Christian, and Muslims panellists to discuss the scriptural sources for understanding generosity, hospitality, and compassion. Speakers include: Rabbi Jeremy Parnes, Rev. Amanda Currie, and Imam Dr. Mohamed Masloh. Contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth for more info: [sterwardship@sasktel.net](mailto:sterwardship@sasktel.net) and to register for this series: <https://bit.ly/3iwyPfm>. Even if you were unable to attend the first two sessions, you are welcome to register for the remaining session. This session will be live streamed on YouTube and recordings of all three sessions will remain on YouTube for later viewing

***Thursday, November 4 @ 3pm - Compassion***

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**DECOLONIZING THEOLOGY: IN THE SEMINARY, IN THE CHURCH, AND BEYOND:** A public lecture on what it means to always be a reforming Church. This free presentation by Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein, PhD, will be followed by a discussion session on **Friday November 12, 2021**, at 7:30pm. Join by Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87891950673>

## GATHERING

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW#504 “A Mighty Fortress is our God”**

### 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.**

**KYRIE: ELW, p. 147**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW, p. 149 “This is the Feast”**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray, **Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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 renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<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 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 151**

### **GOSPEL: John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to John in the eighth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Luther’s Rose”**

## **SERMON: “Enough”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#517 “Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word”****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation, praying Hear us, O God and responding, **Your mercy is great.**

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Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **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 HYMN: ELW#481 “Come to the Table”****OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together,

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING: ELW, p. 152**

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.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin. 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**  
 Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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**

All who hunger and thirst, come. Eat, drink and be satisfied.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **COMMUNION**

#### **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, **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#### **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

**Three-Fold Sung Amen.**

#### **SENDING SONG: ELW#509 "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**